

U.S. AND CANADIAN WHEAT PRICES SOAR

TURKEYS ARE PLENTIFUL FOR YULETIDE FARE

Retail Prices For Local Gobblers This Year Range From 46 to 52 Cents

New York Buyers Call For Canadian Birds in Carload Lots

The impelling question which comes round at least annually, "What are we going to have for Christmas dinner?" is again uppermost in the minds of the world and his wife.

With but one day remaining for Christmas shopping eager crowds of citizens are thronging the stores purchasing turkeys which will largely grace the festive tables of Victoria for the Yuletide feast. The gobblers, which are plentiful this year, are selling at prices that were quoted by the retailers last Christmas.

Freshly killed local birds are quoted this year from forty-six cents to fifty-two cents a pound, while Alberta turkeys are selling at thirty-seven cents to forty-eight cents a pound.

There appears to be a great demand for chickens this year and local fowls are being retailed as low as thirty-eight cents and up to forty-five cents.

Geese are selling anywhere from twenty cents to thirty-three cents.

Wholesalers report that they are practically cleaned out of all carloads of turkeys. It was pointed out in wholesale row this morning that several carloads of turkeys had been sold in Calgary to buyers from New York and other Eastern cities at thirty-seven cents. In New York the "Alberta" birds are expected to bring as high a price as fifty-four cents.

Retailers report a steady demand for birds of good quality and the prediction is made that turkeys, chickens and geese will be at a premium by the close of the shopping week to-morrow night.

Although the demand for the delectable birds is as keen as ever this season the old-fashioned roast beef dinner will again figure largely in Victoria's Christmas fare.

CHINESE FIRED ON FOREIGNERS' TRAIN

International Cars Bound For Shanghai Taken Back to Tientsin

Peking, Dec. 22.—An international train running from Tientsin to Shanghai was fired upon at Haihe yesterday by troops of the Kuo Min Chun (National People's Army) and compelled to return to Tientsin, according to a wireless message from that city.

CHANG'S TROOPS GAIN

Tokio, Dec. 22.—Vernacular newspaper and War Office advices from Mukden to-day stated Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, warlord of Manchuria had defeated General Kuo Hong-Lin and occupied Fushiku and other positions near Shumifu, thirty miles west-northwest of Mukden.

The advices were somewhat conflicting, but indicated that Chang had obtained a decisive victory.

NEW GAS WELL

Medicine Hat, Alta., Dec. 22.—A heavy flow of gas is reported to have been struck in the Roth well here at a depth of 2,845 feet. This is the lowest depth at which gas has been encountered in this area.

PHYSICIAN FACES NARCOTIC CHARGES

Dr. W. T. Hoyes, Oakalla Prison Doctor, Appears in Vancouver Court

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Eight additional charges have been laid against Dr. W. T. Hoyes, Oakalla prison doctor and surgeon, who is charged with illegally issuing prescriptions for narcotics to drug addicts. The new charges, which are of the same nature as that laid two weeks ago, were sworn to December 21 by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who are handling the prosecution.

Investigation following the discovery that a number of well-known addicts were in possession of prescriptions allowing them to buy and use narcotics led to the first information being sworn out. Continuing their work, the investigators caused the additional informations to be issued.

Dr. Hoyes appeared in police court here this morning on the original charge and was remanded for one week.

NEW PLAN FOR STREET RAILWAY OF HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22.—The street railway committee last night submitted to the Board of Control a proposal for the solution of Hamilton's street railway problem, which the committee would be obliged by a commission. The plan will be offered to the street railway company for approval.

One member would be appointed by the city council and one by the Ontario Railway Board and the third member might be elective.

OLIVER SEEKS TO INTEREST BRITISH CAPITAL IN P.G.E.: PAULINE TO EXPLAIN SCHEME

British financiers will be informed immediately of the terms on which British Columbia is willing to sell the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. Full details of the Government's railway policy as approved by the Legislature were forwarded to P. A. Pauline, B. C. Agent-General in London, to-day with the request that he lay them before British capitalists without delay.

"I am advising Mr. Pauline of what I have in mind regarding the P.G.E.," the Premier announced, "and suggesting to him that he make known these opportunities to British capitalists."

BOYS' PARLIAMENT TO OPEN SESSION HERE ON MONDAY

Youthful Debaters Will Come to City From All Sections of Province

At a meeting of the Victoria Boys' Work Board in the Y.M.C.A. last evening further arrangements were made for the meeting of the C.S.E.T. Older Boys' Parliament, which is to meet in Victoria next week. The session will last four days from Monday to Thursday.

There will be forty-one Texas Boys and nine Trail Rangers present from all parts of the Province. The boys are represented by Crabbrook, Nelson, Pentleton, West Summerland, Vernon, Enderby, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Merritt, Milner, Ladner, Port Moody, New Westminster, Vancouver, Gibsons Landing, Nanaimo, Ladsmith and Victoria.

The local boys are: David Le Page, Robert F. Wallace, John A. McDonald, Wilcox More, H. S. Pringle, Hugh Morrison.

The Parliament is in no sense a mock parliament—discussing issues over which the boys have no control. They discuss real issues which concern boys' work in the churches and the Young Men's Christian Association in the Province. It is under the auspices of the Boys' Work of the Religious Education Council of British Columbia, of which Rev. E. R. Morgan is the secretary. The chairman of the committee is W. T. Strathairn and the secretary George Porteous.

FOUR FIREMEN LOST LIVES DURING BLAZE

Crushed by Wall Which Fell While Waynesburg, Pa., Buildings Burned

Waynesburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—Four volunteer firemen were killed and five were injured, two seriously, during a fire which swept the business district of Waynesburg early to-day. Several buildings were destroyed and a number damaged, the total loss being estimated at \$750,000. Those who lost their lives were Harvey Call, William Finch, Joseph Rifeburg and Thurman Long. They were crushed under a falling wall.

All those on the casualty list were members of the Waynesburg fire company.

The buildings that were destroyed were the Downey Hotel, a three-story brick structure, the Grossman (Continued on page 5).

IRAK TREATY IS PREPARED

London, Dec. 22.—Preparations for the negotiation of the treaty for extension of the British mandate over Iraq are complete and the parties will begin soon after Christmas, probably in Baghdad, where the treaty will be drawn up for submission to the two governments. It is learned in official quarters Premier Baldwin during his conference with the Turkish Ambassador yesterday left the door open for a discussion between the two governments regarding Mosul if Turkey should feel disposed to take advantage of the opportunity.

MAN WORKING IN STEAMER FELL AND WAS KILLED

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Falling down the hold of the steamship Kermit at the Burrard elevator, Thomas McCloy, a carpenter, employed lining the ship's hull, was killed at 9:30 a.m. to-day.

The Kermit is a German vessel which came here to load 5,000 tons of wheat.

McCloy was a brother of Sam McCloy, a pioneer of this city and for many years a member of the Vancouver Harbor Board. He leaves a widow and family.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWITZERLAND; HENRY HAEBERLIN

President of the Federal Council of Switzerland for 1925 is Henry Haeblerlin, who was elected this week.

HANDSOME BALANCE AWAITS INCOMING COUNCIL'S POLICY

New Administration Will Find Large Fund in Civic Treasury

The 1925 civic administration will leave behind it a treasury balance at least equaling the \$209,000 legacy it received at the beginning of the year, City Controller A. D. Macdonald this morning announced.

Mr. Macdonald refused to definitely forecast any reduction in next year's mill rate, pointing out that the assessment rate has been recently reduced another ten per cent, the city has to meet largely increased demands for debt service, and other additions to the permanent expenses of the city have to be covered. Were it not for the remarkable success of the past year's financing, the tax rate would have had to advance.

"With at least \$140,000 earned by the city land department, as a starting point, the general revenue, the count income, in excess of the estimates made last Spring, fully warrants anticipations of at least equaling the 1924 attainment," City Controller Macdonald considered.

These results have been attained despite unexpected demands made on the civic treasury, such as the grant of \$15,000 made to the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

HIGHER PRICES FOR COFFEE FORESEEN

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Control System Starts Action in U.S.

Washington, Dec. 22.—With Congress and Secretary Hoover actively seeking to bring about lower rubber prices for United States consumers, news now comes of the plan of the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, to hold up the price of coffee.

Hearings to attempt loans in this country, largely because of the recent plea of Secretary Hoover that United States bankers deny credits to foreigners for such purposes, Sao Paulo expects to borrow approximately \$50,000,000 from London bankers. The Brazilian Legislature has been asked to authorize the loans which would be used to bolster the coffee market against any material price declines.

When the congressional investigation into the rubber situation gets underway after the holidays it simultaneously will delve into the subject of the control of coffee prices in Brazil, as well as into other similar foreign monopolies.

PARTS OF DIXIE AND LARGE AREAS OF BRITAIN HAVE SNOW FOR 1925 CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press Cable).—For nearly two months, this country has been intermittently experiencing weather of the old-fashioned variety, as it is called here. That is to say, it has had ice and snow and cold weather of an intensity encountered only about twice in a generation. At the moment, the skies are weeping upon London, while in Scotland, Wales and Northern England, the snow is several feet deep in many places. The weather prophets, however, insist the metropolitan area may have a return of snow and ice at any hour.

Owing to the death of Queen Mother Alexandra, the Christmas season with the royal family will be a more than usually subdued one. The King and queen, with the Prince of Wales,

150 JAPANESE FISHERMEN MISSING AFTER BIG STORM

Tokio, Dec. 23.—Twenty fishing boats containing 150 fishermen are missing as the result of a storm which struck Northern Japan yesterday. A number of houses were wrecked and forty vessels capsized.

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SOUTH AFRICAN MINES NEED MORE LABORERS

Johannesburg, South Africa, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—Mining operations in South Africa are being seriously affected by a shortage of native labor. The president of the Chamber of Mines here says the shortage has been created artificially by the Hertzog Government, in support of the so-called White Labor Policy advocated by the Labor Party.

The president has appealed to the Government to abandon the fetter of all white labor and thus enable the mine owners to employ more European labor as well as the required number of natives.

SEARCH FOR SAILORS ADRIFF FAILED

Valencia, Ireland, Dec. 22.—A message from the steamship Corinth reports the French tanker C.I.P. picked up a boat containing seventeen men from the Italian steamship Marina, which sailed from Philadelphia December 8 for Mediterranean ports and was abandoned near the Azores. A second boat with eighteen men was not located. A number of ships are searching for it.

The captain of the Marina is declared to have been badly injured.

Five Children Saved From Fire

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Five children, all under six years of age, were carried to safety by their father, Lorenzo Martin, when their home was destroyed by fire early this morning. Mr. Martin awoke to find the house in flames and he aroused his wife and five children from their beds, rushed his wife and two children out of the building and then returned and carried the other three children to safety.

COOLIDGE PLANS U.S. WILL JOIN ARMS DISCUSSION

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has progressed so far in his effort to find a way to accept the invitation of the League of Nations to a preliminary disarmament discussion that he has asked congressional leaders whether an appropriation would be necessary.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Changes of Display Advertising Copy for Saturday's issue must be handed in no later than 8 p.m. on Friday.

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Japanese Arrested
in Terminal City
After Sharp Chase

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Decided by the police to have admitted he was one of two Japanese who on Sunday evening held up and robbed Beatrice Belmont and Jean Berwin in a house at 535 Dunlevy Avenue, R. Kamitono, thirty-six, was arrested at Carrall and Cordova Streets early this morning after a chase from Chinatown, where he and his companion are alleged to have un-

successfully attempted to hold up an Oriental. Kamitono's arrest was made after a chase in which several police officers took part, the fleeing Japanese being caught by Constable C. Goodman with the aid of a taxi driver who picked up the officer and sped after the fugitive. The second Japanese escaped.

While police are searching the city for his companion, Kamitono is to appear before Magistrate Shaw in police court to-day facing two charges of robbery with violence.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Rev. Ernest Thomas of the Methodist Board of Evangelism and Social Service left Toronto last night for Western Canada to conduct missions and to attend the Western Conference of the Student Christian Movement of Canada in Saskatoon.

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BAN PLACED ON
DANGEROUS TOYS

No More Giant Bombs or
Super Firecrackers

Co-operation between several sets of authority of the port will draw the fangs of the holiday serpent—super firecrackers of a matter of routine business the Customs Department, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and civic authorities are working hand in hand to curb the use of dangerous explosives as playthings.

To appreciate what is being done along this line it must be understood that the chief importers of the bombs and giant crackers are Orientals who understand but imperfectly the regulations in that regard. Forms of firecrackers in which black powder is used are regarded less seriously than other brands.

Giant crackers—two-way-jumping bombs and other highly explosive toys filled with aluminum powder have come under the official ban and may not be imported.

This week, keeping up its constant vigil, the Customs Department found a considerable number of dangerous explosives in cases consigned to Oriental consignees. These contained aluminum powder, and were made up in form where a dangerous amount of the highly explosive mixture was present in each cracker. Giant hopping bombs that burst with considerable force at one end, and then pop several feet away to go off a second time with their remaining charges were contained in recent consignments opened here.

The consignees in such cases are told the requirements of the regulations, and instructed to either destroy the shipment or else return it to the place where it was shipped. Entry is being steadily refused to all dangerous forms of fireworks.

A growing list of casualties led the authorities into close co-operation on this embargo, the effective results of which are already beginning to be felt.

FIVE TRAVELERS INJURED

Paris, Dec. 23.—Five persons were injured, one of them seriously, when the Basel-Paris express was derailed yesterday at Nolsy-le-De, in the Department of the Seine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Try the new "Frisco steam mace", \$1. at the Beauty Salon. It says in longer, Suite 104 Woolworth Bldg. Phone 254.

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The Princess Maguilla will leave Victoria at 11 p.m. on the 1st, 11th and 21st of each month. Effective October 1.

Winter Schedule to Gulf Islands—The S. Otter will leave Victoria every Monday at 7.15 a.m., returning to Victoria Tuesday evening and leave again every Wednesday at 3 a.m. for Ganges harbor, proceeding to Vancouver Thursday, and returning arrive Victoria Saturday afternoon.

"The White Christmas," a miracle play, at Hampshire Road Church, Wednesday, December 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets 35 cents.

Barber shops in Victoria will be open from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 23.

The Royal Dairy Limited announce that they will be delivering ice cream bricks on Christmas Day, and that the dairy will be open until 1 p.m. on that day and all day Saturday.

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SIR JOHN MARTIN
HARVEY TO OPEN IN
HALIFAX ON TUESDAY

Accompanied by Miss N. de Silva (Lady Martin-Harvey) and his entire London company, Sir John Martin-Harvey sailed from Liverpool for St. John Saturday.

On arrival at St. John the scenery and baggage will be transferred to waiting baggage cars and the company will board a special train for Halifax, where the tour opens on Tuesday next.

After an engagement of five days in Halifax, where he will present "The Only Way," "The Corsican Brothers" and "Garrick," Sir John will follow by a night in Sherbrooke, two days in Ottawa and then to Montreal for a week's stay, Halifax and New Glasgow, being the only two points in the Maritimes which the noted star will visit.

Judging from the Dominion-wide interest that is already being evidenced in the coming of Sir John, it would appear that during the present tour, the famous actor might receive an even more hearty welcome than on his last visit to Canada two years ago.

Christmas Services
Services at
St. Barnabas

The first of the Christmas services at St. Barnabas Church will be the sung Eucharist at midnight, commencing at 11.45 o'clock on Christmas Eve. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., and there will be the sung Eucharist at 11 a.m. with procession.

At St. Alban's Church Hall, in the Oaklands district, there will be a sung Eucharist at 11.15 a.m. and at 9.15 a.m. There will be children's service to which parents are asked to bring their children at 10.30 a.m.

Services at St. John's

Great joy will mark the Christmas services at St. John's church especially on account of the fact that the congregation has paid the organ debt in full, being the last debt remaining on the church's books. The service will be held at 8 p.m. and the Rev. W. A. P. Chadwick will be assisted during the day by Rev. Montague Bruce, Rev. Colonel A. W. Woods and Rev. Mr. Cook. Special Christmas music will be rendered at the 11 o'clock service including the hymns, "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Angels From the Realms of Glory" and the "Te Deum" sung to festival setting composed by Mr. G. J. Burnett. The anthem will be Stainer's "O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings." There will be special services also on the Sunday following, Dec. 27, St. John's Day, when Bishop C. D. Schofield will preach at the morning service and Archbishop de Pency at the evening service. This is the first visit of His Grace the Archbishop to Victoria since his appointment to the Archbishopric and it is expected that a great many will take occasion to welcome the head of the Church in British Columbia.

St. Mary's Church

On Christmas Day at St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 9, 11.30 a.m., shortened matins and Holy Communion at 11 o'clock. The special music will include the anthem "Angels From the Realm of Glory," by Maunder.

At St. Paul's Garrison Church Esquimalt the services on Christmas day begin at 7 a.m. with service at 8 and 10.30 following. The offerings

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On receipt of an agreement from the Vancouver Saturday Tribune, on its behalf at 1033 Pacific Avenue, action already launched by Mr. Fraser on behalf of his clients to set aside a conveyance of the deed from the editor to his wife, Eleanor, has been left standing.

The matter, however, still rests before the court pending complete payment of the costs by Cowper.

TO ARGUE COSTS
The costs of the criminal action, when Cowper by private prosecution was convicted and fined \$200 for defamatory libel, will be argued by Walter Haskins and Mr. Fraser before Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald at the first of the new year.

It has been estimated the costs of that trial will approximate \$1,500.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER
PLANS DISCUSSED

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—It costs the petroleum industry of the United States \$3,000,000 a year to get rid of chemicals which might be producing synthetic rubber worth \$162,000,000.

E. P. Stevenson of Cambridge, Mass., asserted: "He is to be one of a process before the American Association for the Advancement of Science here on December 23, and a synthetic rubber plant only been realized in the laboratories, but was produced in Germany during the war."

"Synthetic rubber can be made from certain classes of hydrocarbons known as diolefines through a process known as 'polymerization,'" he says. "In order to remove these bodies, produced in every refinery in the United States, the petroleum industry suffers a loss close to \$3,000,000 and destroys diolefines equivalent to 150,000,000 pounds of rubber."

Welcome League
Does Much Work

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Albert Chamberlain, who is at present on a visit to England, was re-elected president and supervisor of the British Welcome and Welfare League at the annual meeting of the institution here.

Featuring the annual report were: Four hundred and ninety-five women and children have been brought to Canada from the Old Country to their husbands, no fathers, who have been settled here.

Three thousand five hundred have been advised, welcomed, be-friended or provided with temporary accommodation.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

Traditional Music and Decorations

By G. J. D.

No greater congregations assemble in all churches than on the morning of Christmas Day and Christmas Sunday, for Christmas ranks among the greatest of the ecclesiastical festivals and many who have become somewhat lax in attendance at public worship never fail to be present on this day.

Many of the Victoria pulpits will be occupied by bishop, dean, rector, or minister, who in true inspirational and time-honored fashion will proclaim "Christ, the Lord is Risen Today."

The music, specially arranged and prepared by chorale or organist, and with the help of the faithful choir, will be particularly appropriate for the festive season, in many cases old and new carols being included in the musical celebrations, all these combined with special anthems and solos by prominent vocalists making the services bright, appealing, and significant.

With an abundance of holly boughs (so plentiful on the island), the decorations of the churches will be seasonably effective. To the young people especially the adornment of the holly appeals strongly, and emphasizes the exceptional significance of the day in the church calendar.

And of the antiquity of the practice, the records of some old English churches contribute many notable proofs, going back to the sixteenth century, as in the pews disbarred at St. Mary-at-Hill, London. At this period for several years for "Holme (holly) and Ivy at Christmas Eve" or in 1534, at St. Martin, Oatwich, "for holly and Ivy at Christmas." In the entries of St. Margaret's, Westminster, rosemary is included among the foliage that was paid for in 1547, but modern customs have not retained it. At the present time white flowers are employed for the altar vases, as emblems of innocence and purity, while wreaths, festoons, and branches of holly are the favored ornaments of the pulpit, chancel and aisles.

In mid-Victorian days, too, was a liking for texts and hymns from favorite hymns expressed in letters formed of cotton-wool dusted with something that would sparkle to represent snow. These were seen on to long lengths of crimson cloth and hung upon the walls or wherever space permitted the display. Colored bibles, "wax" candles, incense, and were also much used at one time. In recent years taste has, however, gone back to the simpler traditional uses of evergreens and during the latter few days groups of ladies of the different churches have responded to the invitations and requests of rector and warden or deacon, in decorating a central altar, according to old traditional custom, their parish or district church in readiness for the Christmas services.

BOOZ COUNTESS
BOY OF SIXTEEN

J. McDonald of Salt Lake City, Stage Struck, is San Francisco Prisoner

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Another "countess" has taken the count. It was the demure "Countess Zeldan Petrovich," bent upon attaining the heights of dramatic stardom, when "her" voice was changing, and when it cracked yesterday the "countess" turned out to be Jack McDonald, sixteen, of Salt Lake City, a waiter in his mother's boarding house.

In Salt Lake City his friends flattered him on his female impersonations in amateur appearances, so Jack provided himself with a feminine wardrobe and set out for San Francisco and dramatic fame.

His alleged attempt to increase his wardrobe with two women's wigs and a fur coat from a department store led to questioning by police, who traced him to a downtown hotel, where he was stopping. Under questioning his voice cracked and "countess" is using the city jail for a stage.

ASK AID IN REPAIR
OF DAMAGED BRIDGE

A delegation representing the municipalities of South Vancouver and Richmond waited upon Hon. W. H. Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, to-day and asked for Provincial Government assistance in rebuilding the damaged Fraser Avenue bridge between the two municipalities.

Dr. Rutherford promised to take the question up with the Cabinet.

DOLLAR WILL BUY
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Robert Quillen Offers Fountain Inn Tribune, South Carolina

Fountain Inn, S.C., Dec. 23.—Robert Quillen, humorist and publisher, who recently erected a monument to Eve, wants to sell his weekly newspaper, The Fountain Inn Tribune, for one dollar.

The current issue of the paper bears this announcement across the front page:

"The Tribune is for sale, lock, stock and barrel, subscription list, paint, wardrobe and set out for Christmas. The price is one dollar, no more, no less."

"This is no joke, but it is a bargain. The first responsible man who plunks down one dollar gets it. The business will be turned over to him January 15."

Mr. Quillen said the paper, "amused me at first," but that he was giving it up in order to devote more time to writing.

Three Indians
To be Tried on
Murder Charge

Hazelton, B.C., Dec. 23.—Frank Bird, Alexander Bird and Jack Roy, Indians, who were recently charged with the murder of Matthew McLean, another member of their tribe, following the finding of his skeleton, which was identified by a tubercular hip bone, at Salva, near here, yesterday were committed for trial.

McLean had disappeared from the Indian reserve here more than a year ago.

The three men will be taken to Oakalla Prison, near Vancouver, to await trial at the Spring assize.

B.C. CHINESE
DISPUTE ENDS

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Litigation over the Shon Yee Benevolent Association's Hospital Fund dispute, which has excited Chinese of this province for the past ten months, was concluded to-day when charges of assault, forgery and fraudulent conversion of funds were withdrawn by the respective parties.

The trouble arose last February when a fight occurred in Chinatown here following a dispute over allegations made regarding disposition of the hospital fund by the trustees. Both sides laid several charges of assault.

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COAL INQUIRY
IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, Dec. 23.—Presentation of the case for the coal miners of Pictou County continued this morning before the Royal Commission investigating the coal industry in Nova Scotia under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew R. Duncan.

Yesterday the One Big Union, through its Nova Scotia mainland secretary, Wm. Murray, went on record with a detailed criticism of the British Empire Steel Corporation and the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Murray read a presentation of his case. He reviewed the industrial condition in the coal mines since the war. The One Big Union, he said, believed nothing less than the 1924 wages would prove sufficient to enable the miners to carry on satisfactorily. He asked the commission to recommend a minimum wage.

If more humane methods had been adopted by the corporation at the start, he said, there would be no "communist" as we understand it existing in Nova Scotia to-day.

SENTENCE APPEALED
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Convicted of having abducted a fourteen-year-old girl and sentenced to two years' definite and two years' indefinite imprisonment, John Loftus has entered an appeal. Loftus claims the girl at the time of the abduction was not under the control of her guardian.

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Winter Hats From the Bargain Basement Reduced to \$1.95 \$2.95 and \$3.75

We are through with the Winter Hats, hence this tremendous reduction. If you are looking for a Hat that will combine style with quality, just the thing you will find here to-morrow in velours, felts and velvet Hats. The cheapest Hat in this Sale would be considered a bargain at \$7.50.

Children's and Girls' Hats as Christmas Giving Reduced for This Occasion to \$1.95 and \$2.25

Mothers will do well to take advantage of this reduction. Hats in velvet, felts and velours. Styles and trimmings just as carefully thought out and as varied and beautiful as in the maturer models.

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New South Wales Labor Cabinet Adds Twenty-five Legislative Councillors

Governor Objected, But Was Forced to Act as Ministry Desired

Sydney, Aus., Dec. 23 (Canadian Press Cable via Reuters).—In connection with the recent appointment of a batch of twenty-five new members of the New South Wales Legislative Council by the Governor of the state on the advice of the Labor Government, it is stated that the Governor, Admiral Dudley de Chair, demurred at first to the Government's proposal to make such a large addition to that body, but Premier Lang told him that he was instructed upon this being done.

The Governor thereupon referred the matter to the Dominion Secretary of State's Office in London and received instructions for him to accept the recommendation of his constitutional advisers. Although greatly chagrined at being placed in such a position, the Governor felt he could not do otherwise than comply with the advice received and so he made the appointments.

The Labor Government adopted the course in order to have a majority in the Upper House, as it has in the Legislative Assembly.

Extremists in U.S. Are Opposed by Leader of Labor

Washington, Dec. 23.—Declaring "Fascism and Communism have the same fangs and the same poison, which it is intended to inject into the political life of our nation," William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a circular warning to the wage earners and people generally of the United States against the dangers of these doctrines.

The warning was made public at the direction of the Federation's executive council, and it will be sent to 110 national and international unions, 1,000 city central bodies, forty-eight federations of labor and 35,000 local unions.

Calling attention to the efforts being made to organize Fascist in this country, the circular quotes from numerous declarations of Premier Mussolini of Italy, who is described as "above parliament," and the king his "harmful conclusions."

"The executive council feels the wage earners of America and the people generally should be warned of the tactics and policy of Dictator Mussolini and the Fascist movement as it affects America."

"The executive council hopes none of the Italian members of trade unions will submit to the threats of this dictator. He and his Fascism are as great a menace to the peace of the world as is Communism."

"Trade unionists and the people generally are urged at all times to be prepared to meet the propaganda of Fascism with as strong opposition as they have made to Communism."

"Neither has a place in American life."

Federal Cabinet To Meet Next Week

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—There will be no meeting of the Cabinet this week. Premier King is resting for a few days and a number of out-of-town members of the Government have left to spend Christmas at their homes. There will probably be one or two cabinet meetings next week.

The new immigration agreement, it is understood, has been discussed by one of the cabinet sub-committees preparatory to the discussion which will take place on the floor of Parliament. Already this agreement has been subjected to some criticism in the British press.

Mr. Stewart, Minister of the Interior and Acting Minister of Immigration, it is intimated, will be prepared with a full explanation of the agreement when the time comes for it. Mr. Stewart formerly was in charge of the immigration and it has been rumored it will again be placed under his direction.

NEW RUMORS ON KITCHENER'S DEATH ARE GIVEN DENIAL

London, Dec. 23.—W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a statement in the House of Commons yesterday flatly denied recent allegations in the press that the Admiralty had withheld from the public important documents which would throw a new light upon the sinking of the cruiser Hampshire and the consequent death of Lord Kitchener.

Mr. Bridgeman said: "The Admiralty has no doubt whatever that H.M.S. Hampshire struck a German mine laid by the M-75, a mine-laying submarine which had been sent out to watch the Germans and lay mines in preparation for the German naval sortie which resulted in the Battle of Jutland."

Ever since Kitchener's recurrences to the subject in the British press. It has been variously reported that German spies in England knew of the sailing of the Hampshire and notified Berlin, and more recently, that spies had been found aboard the warship before the tragedy.

Regarding the last named report the First Lord said: "The report that spies had on a former occasion been found on the Hampshire and had been shot is a ridiculous, wicked fabrication."

He declared the Hampshire had gone down in from ten to twenty minutes after striking the mine.

CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER

London, Dec. 23 (Canadian Press Cable).—Katherine Cathcart of Helensburg, Dumfriesshire, has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter as a result of two women being fatally injured by an automobile driven by her. The two victims of the accident were Helen Milne, matron of a hospital, and Jeanne Chapman, also a hospital matron.

DAM TO BE BUILT AND DESTROYED

New York, Dec. 23.—A dam costing \$750,000 will be built and then destroyed by the Engineering Foundation Committee for the purpose of settling certain problems of dam construction. Charles David Mark, professor emeritus of civil engineering in Stanford University, will direct the work.

MANY ARE HANGED BY TURK TRIBUNAL

Special Court Sits in Constantinople After Executions in Anatolia

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The attention of the public has been directed from the Mosul affair by the arrival here of the Tribunal of Independence, which is seated in Turkey as in the Cheka, or Soviet inquisition, in Russia. As in the case of the Cheka, there is no appeal from the Tribunal's judgments, and executions ordered by it are carried out immediately.

ANATOLIANS HANGED

The Tribunal arrived from a tour of Anatolia, having sat at Erzerum, Marash and other places, where it sentenced about fifty persons to be hanged and 100 to various kinds of imprisonment for participation in a recent reactionary movement against Mustafa Kemal Pasha's reforms. A majority of the victims were Hedjaz, or religious leaders, who compelled their followers to throw away their western hats ordered worn by Kemal and don fezes and turbans.

Twenty-five accused men will be hanged before the judgment seat in Constantinople.

BAD FOR GOVERNMENT

The coincidence of the activities of the Tribunal with the Mosul decision is regarded as very ominous for the Government, just when a united front is desired for a possible mobilization in an attempt to influence Great Britain.

FINANCIAL PLANS IN FRANCE OPPOSED

Industrialists Are Against Doumer's Scheme to Build Up Treasury

Paris, Dec. 23.—The wave of optimism which followed the announcement of the plan of the northern industrialists to the French Federation of Industrial Associations, the National Association for Economic Expansion, are declared to be throwing cold water on the project.

The Chamber also is reported to be divided on Finance Minister Doumer's arrangement for balancing the budget.

The member of the Left cartel are taking strong exception to the proposal to increase the rate of the business turnover tax and insist the project will never pass the Chamber.

Christmas Packages For War Prisoners

Rabat, French Morocco, Dec. 23.—Christmas may mean something after all to the French prisoners in the hands of the Moslem Rifians. Negotiations have been conducted with Abdel-Krim to arrange for the delivery of Christmas letters and packages of more than 2,000 packages and 900 letters for French prisoners have been taken to the front line, ready to be sent into the Rif country if the negotiations succeed.

The French Union of Mutilated Soldiers plans to send every prisoner a gift of money on both Christmas and New Year 1927.

ONTARIO EX-OFFICIAL ACQUITTED OF CHARGE

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Fred C. Williams, former Chief Accountant and Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, was acquitted yesterday on charges of theft of \$300 property from the province of Ontario during the years from 1919 to 1924.

Peter White, K.C., pleaded not guilty, which plea was accepted. It is understood the plea of not guilty was accepted in view of Williams giving evidence for the prosecution in the trial of W. W. Dunlop, and also in consideration of the fact that he had made restitution.

Vancouver Island News

Parksville

Special to The Times
Parksville, Dec. 23.—The monthly meeting of the District Association of Public Health was held at Parksville at the residence of Dr. L. T. Davis. Following are the visits reported by the public health nurse: pre-natal visits, 18; confinement visits, 1; post-natal visits, 6; child welfare visits, 29; pre-school visits, 83; new patients, 8; miscellaneous visits, 52; miscellaneous visits, 55, in which were given 68 minor treatments; approximate mileage, 570; 159 children were examined; 18 new defects found; 48 old defects improved; 3 children excluded (tonsillitis); 8 referred to doctor.

Little Mothers' League classes for girls over ten years of age will be conducted by the association. Miss Murray, P.H. Nurse, will have charge of these classes.

Great appreciation was voiced of the kindness of Mr. W. Ford of Combs, who turned over \$227 into the funds of the association, this be-

ACCUSED ALDERMAN SUES FOR DAMAGES

J. Levine Denies He Accepted Bribes For Protecting Club's Illegals

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Following the publication of an affidavit in which Max Holzer swore he had been paying an alderman protection for the Dreamland Club on St. Lawrence Boulevard, Alderman Julius Levine, representative of the Crematide Ward, told the city council he was the one accused. Denying the truth of the allegation, the alderman announced he had already entered suit in court against Holzer, seeking \$5,000 damages for slander.

The Dreamland Club came into prominence in police circles on June 22 last, when a holdup was carried out during which one of the bandits shot two men, one of them fatally, after the guests of the club had been refused their valuables.

Donald Carragher, eighteen, who was the victim of the fatal shooting, died five days later in a hospital. The second man shot was Charles Duffy of Malone, N.Y.

Joseph Mauro was arrested in Vancouver, B.C., and charged with the crime. After a short trial he was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged February 19, 1926.

WAR IS REDUCING HONGKONG BUSINESS

Constant Strife in China Having Destructive Effect, Say Leaders

London, Dec. 23.—The continual civil war between factions, the increase of piracy, the disorganization of the railways and the spread of the influence of Chinese Bolshevism, which has its headquarters at Canton, northward along the coast, are causing the decay of the "magnificent British colony of Hongkong."

This is the conclusion reached in interviews appearing in the Westminster Gazette, the spokesmen of the firms doing business in the Far East.

They brought out that in its boycott of Hongkong the Canton Government has its headquarters in Japanese and German ships from proceeding to Canton if they touch first at Hongkong, while British ships are absolutely barred from the Canton River.

Queen Elizabeth Receives Golden Rose From Pope

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Queen Elizabeth yesterday received the Golden Rose sent to her with Pope Pius's blessing in commemoration of her twenty-fifth anniversary. Elizabeth married King Albert October 2, 1900.

The presentation was made by the Papal Nuncio in Brussels, King Albert and his daughter, Princess Marie Jose, were present.

The Golden Rose was placed in a casket beside the rose presented years ago to Queen Henriette, wife of King Leopold II.

Estate is Divided To Benefit Church

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—The estate of the late Rev. Dr. G. L. Starr, Dean of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario is valued at \$30,000. Besides several personal bequests, \$12,000 was left to St. George's Cathedral and \$1,000 to missions. The income from a certain amount is to be set aside to give a vacation each year to some clergyman in the diocese who is unable to pay for one. Eventually the remainder of the estate will go to the Diocese of Ontario.

DAMAGE SUIT FAILED

Montreal, Dec. 23.—A suit for \$45,000 damages instituted by Andrew Benson against the Quebec Development Company as compensation for disability alleged to have resulted from an explosion of dynamite while in the company's employ was dismissed yesterday by Mr. Justice Doye.

MAN KILLED HIMSELF

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 23.—George Guick, forty-eight, despondent and friendless, drank half an ounce of poison yesterday and in a short time died in agony in a hospital.

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SEATTLE JUDGE TO WED IN VANCOUVER

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Superior Judge Robert Jones, his friends say, has made good on the bench, but he failed in one thing—a matter of supreme moment to him.

He failed to keep quiet his intended wedding in Vancouver, B.C., to-day to Mrs. Marjorie Schick, sister of L. P. Macklem, an assistant manager of the Bank of California. Last night on

the Canadian Pacific boat Mr. and Mrs. Macklem and Judge Jones left for the British Columbia city, where the wedding will be quietly celebrated, the climax of a romance lasting since 1910.

Mrs. Schick has been residing in New York for the last seven or eight years. She arrived in Vancouver recently with her mother, Mrs. Florence Folsom, for the marriage. Whether the judge will return to Seattle at once with his bride, or take a brief honeymoon, has not been disclosed.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—A charge of manslaughter against Fulton McLean, nineteen-year-old youth, arising out of the death of Henry Dobney, who was knocked down by an auto driven by McLean here last Tuesday, was withdrawn in the police court yesterday. A coroner's jury had returned a verdict of accidental death and exonerated McLean from blame.



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Nanose

Special to The Times
Nanose, Bay, Dec. 23.—The Strait's Lumber Company bowing team lost by three points to the Davenporters of Nanaimo. Mr. E. Sedola was high man with 194 pins and also high average with 167 pins.

Following are the scores:
DAVENPORTS
F. Florette 142 166 162
J. Barbort 145 137 156
W. Shepherd 147 146 136
M. Glason 156 145 151
E. Sedola 194 188 119

Total, 2,310.
STRAIT'S LUMBER COMPANY
W. Fendleton 94 151 118
J. Ferguson 115 132 115
J. Dalton 108 133 126
A. Anthony 128 145 155
J. Pearce 95 81 84

Total, 1,790.

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KING RUBBER

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE RUBBER situation by the Congress of the United States is not likely either to disclose any information not now generally known or to affect rubber prices. The British interests which control the plantations of the Malay States which produce about three-fourths of the world's output of rubber are going to get as much for their commodity as the world's market—three-fourths of which is the United States—will pay. There should be nothing new or novel in this disposition to take the fullest advantage of the market, to the mind of the average American congressman. Nowhere in the world is that disposition more marked than in the shrewd, enterprising trading nation alongside of us. It is the home of monopolies. It deliberately creates them by a high tariff wall. It makes the world pay a heavy premium to sell to it. It takes the utmost advantage of economic conditions which favor it, and strictly bars sentiment from its international business relations. For that matter all great trading countries do the same. That is how they became great trading countries. If their exporters did not try to get as much for their product as the market could pay, if they did not take the fullest advantage of an economic situation which favored them, we could feel that we were very close indeed to the millennium dawn.

There is no question that the British colonies in the East Indies have a monopoly of the rubber output. The fact is promptly admitted. Their dominant position in this respect, however, is the result of their own foresight, enterprise and patience. Not long ago most of the rubber came from Africa, South America and Central America. Foreseeing the rapid depletion of these sources, the British began the systematic planting of rubber trees in their possessions in the Far East. A few years ago unfavorable market conditions seriously menaced the industry, and the British Government appointed the Stevenson Commission to investigate the trouble and find a remedy. The Commission recommended restricted production on a sliding scale based upon market prices. This recommendation went into force and the rubber producers were put upon their feet. The increase in the price of course prevails all over the world, in Britain as well as abroad, but as the United States consumes about 75 per cent. of the world's production it is the chief contributor to the rubber monopoly. Its gigantic automobile industry is very actively affected by this situation.

Big rubber manufacturing interests in the United States already are preparing to establish rubber plantations of their own in various parts of the world where they have secured concessions for the purpose. That would appear to be the only sure solution of their particular problem. Meanwhile, British rubber producers will make hay, or rather, rubber, while the sun shines. And that, precisely, is what our neighbors would do in the same set of circumstances.

COMPLIMENTING SIR HENRY THORNTON

ALTHOUGH IT SEEMS A CONSIDER-able time ago since Lord Claud Hamilton was severely censured by a large section of the press in Britain for engaging an American to lift the Great Eastern Railway system out of the rather uncomfortable economic position into which it had fallen, it seems almost as long since his critics began to discover that Mr. Henry Thornton—as the present head of the Canadian National Railways then was—could be called a real railway "find" capable of doing all that his employers were assured he could do. It is not surprising, therefore, that the leading journals in the Old Country were lavish in their praises of his ability when he paid a visit to the other side of the Atlantic recently. This tribute, selected from The London Sphere, whose editor, by the way, knows Canada and Canada's railway and other problems fairly intimately, is complimentary enough to cause any ordinary mortal's chest to expand:

To put a soul into an inanimate thing as a railway system, and make it a living, vital entity, may seem an impossible task. It has, however, been accomplished in three short years by Sir Henry Thornton, who has returned from his first visit to London since he left to take command of the Canadian National Railways, the largest railway system in the world, except the German State Railway, which unites government control. The Canadian National Railways system has a mileage of more than 22,000 miles; it also controls and operates an express company, a telegraph company of over 100,000 miles of wire, and a merchant marine fleet of more than sixty vessels, built during the war for war economic purposes. All these are under the administration of Sir Henry, who, to keep in touch with the army of 100,000 men employed by the railway, has impressed wireless into his service, and, in addition to concerts, often himself addresses the men and the Canadian public on what has been well done by the company, and the things which should be done better, thus coming into almost personal contact with the whole staff and a great portion of the clientele of the railway.

Sir Henry Thornton does not have to go to Britain to be appreciated. Even the leader of the Conservative Party in Canada agrees that he is an excellent man for the task with which he is entrusted. The general public of this country, of course, has a pretty accurate idea of the size and difficult nature of that job and they recognize in the monthly statements is-

sued by the national system a state of affairs which is rapidly changing for the better. They also appreciate the human equation which has entered into the policies Sir Henry has adopted and regard the personal touch as of just as much value in the conduct of a great organization as it is in the conduct of a small private or family concern.

MR. PATTULLO'S EXPLANATION

IF THE LEGISLATURE HAD BEEN given sufficient time in which to discuss the Government's P.G.E. proposals it would not have been necessary for Mr. Pattullo to issue the explanatory statement made public yesterday. This document clears up a number of points which were certainly not understood by the people of the Province several days ago. In fact the plan thus explained appears in a much more favorable light and resembles the system of land grants by which the C.P.R. was induced to build its railway.

Mr. Pattullo makes clear that the 16,000,000 acres of land mentioned in the Act is the area from which certain portions will be selected and turned over to the purchaser of the road. It does not mean that the P.G.E. has become the owner of this property in full. When any of this land is alienated, moreover, it will become subject to taxation. That is to say, it will yield tribute to the Crown as soon as it passes out of the possession of the railway company. It is also to be noted in the Minister's statement that even though the lands remain in the hands of the P.G.E. no portion of them will escape exemption from taxation for school purposes. In addition to these conditions and safeguards it is understood, of course, that the Legislature will have to authorize any deal to dispose of either railway or lands.

The Minister says it is a pity that fears which are groundless should be created in the public mind on this very difficult and important question. We agree that it is a pity; but we suggest again that any fears which may have been created, and there certainly were some, would not have developed if the Government had appreciated the difficulty and importance of the matter by allowing the Legislature at least two weeks to discuss it and understand its nature in every detail.

MANITOBA'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM

MANITOBA'S GOVERNMENT-OWNED and operated telephone and radio systems have just emerged from a very profitable year's business. The Telephone Department reports a profit for the fiscal year just ended of no less a sum than \$121,000, or only a trifle less than \$7,000 under the accumulated profits of the three previous years. And it is also to be noted that telephone installation has considerably increased during the period under review, while in Winnipeg alone there are no fewer than 42,000 subscribers' stations. Incidentally, moreover, the radio branch, which operates station CKY, is declared to be the only known station on the continent to have cleared expenses during the year.

There are still a number of people in this country who seem to think that those responsible for the direction of publicly-owned utilities are cast in a special mold of their own and are quite inferior sort of beings—by no means capable of commercial success. Many evidences in Canada prove how ridiculous such a contention is. The people of Ontario, for instance, take backwater from nobody when their own hydro-electric system is under review. Sir Henry Thornton is showing the Canadian public that the national railway system is quite as capable of rendering efficient service as any privately-owned organization. When he is not expected to show profits on a top-heavy capitalization he also will be able to present an interesting balance sheet.

A correspondent suggests that in disposing of the P.G.E., the Provincial Government give British capital first chance to buy, because foreigners are too heavily interested in this country under present conditions. He need not worry. In the frantic rush to buy the P.G.E., British capital will be given an opportunity to get in on the ground floor. It will be placed first in the long line of applicants to purchase this railroad.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

LOCATED
From The New Orleans Times-Picayune
They say the next war will be fought in the air. Anyway, that's where the settlement of the last one is.

BUT THEY COST MONEY
From The Toledo Blade
There never was an election that people couldn't get over in the course of time.

INTERNAL DISORDERS
From The Detroit News
Since the Locarno Conference, frankfurters and sauerkraut are being served in Paris. It may be significant that we read in the same paper that France is suddenly threatened with internal disorders.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

A good intention clothes itself with sudden power.
—Emerson.

The pen is mightier than the sword.
—Franklin.

The object of punishment is prevention from evil; it never can be made impulsive to good.
—Horace Mann.

Revenge is a kind of wild justice, which the more man's nature runs to, the more ought law to weed it out.
—Bacon.

Too rigid scruples are concealed pride.
—Goethe.

Men are more satirical from vanity than from malice.
—La Rochefoucauld.

THREE CHILDREN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Stand Collapsed While 5,000 Erie, Pa., Children Holding Christmas Event

Seven Youngsters Injured in Panic That Followed Arena Accident

Erie, Pa., Dec. 22.—The joyful Christmas holiday has been suddenly turned into a period of grim tragedy in three Erie homes, where to-day mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters are mourning the untimely termination of three little lives—the deaths of a trio of youthful Yuletide celebrants who were crushed in a panic at a community tree observance here late yesterday. Seven were injured.

Those who lost their lives were William Wagner, five; Eileen Rickard, nine; and Raymond T. Kurotski, twelve.

Fifty thousand children of grade school age had gathered to the Erie Arena when suddenly the supports of a bench collapsed and it came crashing down upon the heads of several children who had been precipitated to the floor.

In an instant there was a panic, and after forty-five minutes, when the arena was finally cleared, the bodies of three youngsters were found, the last spark of life trampled from them.

The injured were rushed to a hospital and to-day it was said would probably recover.

Authorities Are Blamed For Death

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 22.—Found by his sister in his home, a log hut on French Road, in the Gaharus district, the body of Laurence MacNeil, seventy, was brought here last night, where an inquest was held, resulting in a verdict of "death through lack of nourishment and exposure. The jury added a recommendation that the authorities be held responsible under the Poor Act for the neglect of Laurence MacNeil."

TRIBUTE PAID

London, Dec. 22.—The American Correspondents' Association, which was giving a luncheon to T. P. (Tex) O'Connor when news of the death of Frank A. Munsey in New York arrived in London, adopted a resolution expressing regret and paying tribute to the memory of the publisher.

Canadian Questions and Answers

THE DAWES ANNUITIES

Q. What is Canada's share in the Dawes Annuities?
A. Canada has recently received \$200,000 from the current distribution of German money through the Dawes plan, and as its share of the sum due the different parts of the British Empire. Other payments will fall due from time to time under that agreement, which Germany is fulfilling.

VISITS TO CANADIAN WAR GRAVES

Q. How many visits were paid to Canadian war graves in France and Belgium?
A. The Canadian Red Cross in London has, until recently, facilitated visits to war graves in France and Belgium, to the number of 2,769. Having closed its offices in England, a similar service will be rendered by the St. Barnabas Hospital, with headquarters in Calais and Boulogne, and an office at 7 Hobart Place, London, S.W.1.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Prepared by the Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 22.—5 a.m.—An ocean storm is blowing from the north and heavy rain has been general on the coast southward to California. Zero temperatures prevail in the interior.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.25; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S.E.; rain, .76; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, .25; weather, rain.

Barcelonnette—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 32; wind, calm; snow, 2 in.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 44; wind, 18 miles S.W.; rain, .40; weather, cloudy.

Estevan—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 48; wind, 6 miles N.W.; rain, 1.15; weather, cloudy.

Tatooch—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 38; wind, 18 miles S.W.; rain, 1.42; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.15; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 12 miles S.W.; rain, .30; weather, rain.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 20 miles W.; rain, .50; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 15 miles N.W.; weather, cloudy.

Swift Current—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 10; minimum, 8; snow, 1.8 in.

Edmonton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 10; minimum, 8; snow, 1.8 in.

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Vancouver 50 47
Grand Forks 50 47
Nelson 50 47
Kaslo 50 47
Calgary 50 47
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ALDAN GOLD BEING KEPT FOR RUSSIANS

Koreans, Japanese and Chinese Ordered to Leave New Field

Yatuk, Siberia, Dec. 22.—The herds of Korean, Japanese and Chinese who have been flocking to the Aldan River goldfield, Russia's "Klondike" in Eastern Siberia, doubtless will be thrown into consternation now that the Soviet Government has issued a decree giving all non-Russian prospectors and residents one month in which to depart.

The great mass of gold is to be for Russians only.

The commission of investigation sent to the goldfield by the Soviet estimates there are some 400 tons of available gold in the 6,000 square miles of the district and the scarcity of provisions, however, make effective control by the Soviet authorities of this new Klondike very difficult.

Although some of the Russian newspaper have painted a rosy picture of Russia's new El Dorado, it is known there are nearly 5,000 prospectors in the Aldan district without employment.

Many of these men, far from finding gold, have not even been able to find a crust of bread.

Filipino in U.S. Killed Negro Wife And Her Brother

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Thomas Omasas, a Filipino, who was alleged to have been shot and killed his wife and her brother, seriously wounded his father-in-law and then committed suicide at his home here.

The father-in-law was Verne Milton, aged twenty-seven. The father-in-law, William Milton, fifty-two, in a hospital with two bullet wounds in the neck, told police Omasas had become enraged at his family when they tried to induce him to surrender to the naval authorities and return the stolen money.

Goldstream News

Special to The Times
Goldstream, Dec. 22.—Santa Claus visited the Goldstream Schoolhouse on Thursday and distributed gifts to the children from a well laden tree.

Many parents and friends were present to assist the teacher, Miss Brooks, in giving the pupils their gifts. Names were called and played until tea-time and on leaving for home each child received a package of goodies.

The family reunion at Christmas should be marked with a photograph.

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\$60,000 WORTH OF B.C. FURS SOLD

Silver Fox of Disappointing Quality; Cross Fox Neglected

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Approximately \$60,000 worth of furs from British Columbia and Alberta were sold here yesterday.

The demand was strong for beaver, mink and weasel, but the silver fox offerings were very disappointing from a quality standpoint, only fifty of these pelts were offered, of which twelve were culled. They averaged \$140 each. A small number of white fox from the Canadian Arctic sold at \$40 apiece.

Six hundred beaver skins were sold for \$28.50 for large and \$10 for small skins, while 450 marten skins (B. C. interior) went for \$15 to \$25; (Cascade) \$12, and (Coast) \$8 to \$12.

Two thousand muskrats were in good demand, selling for prices from \$1.30 to \$1.55 for fair skins; 500 interior of B.C. mink sold at \$11 to \$13 and 2,000 weasel marketed at \$4.75 to \$1.50.

Stags, foxes, weasels, only a few of the superior skins going at \$45, but 250 red fox went at from \$15 to \$22.

A Lynx was active at \$25 to \$50, and about 250 were sold.

Other items offered were 500 coyotes, 75 bear and a number of small pelts of minor importance.

The next sale, in late January or early February, is expected to be larger, with many more offerings from the interior of the country.

VICTORIA MAN TO OPERATE FOX FARM ON BARKLEY SOUND

For the purpose of breeding blue foxes, R. Springer of Victoria, has purchased two small islands in the Alberni district at the mouth of the Alberni Canal, where he will start operations with sixteen pairs of foxes. The islands are Ling and Wald. They will be divided off in sections with wire netting. All necessary facilities for handling the animals and for breeding purposes will be provided. Barkley Sound is considered as ideal a location for fox farming as any in the Province.

Where Mr. Springer has secured his property is close to the fish plants, and fish and fish offal, it is said, make good food for foxes. The blue fox is hardy and healthy with the pelts in big demand.

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CLOSING CONCERT AT ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Presentations and Programme Yesterday; Drill Display Monday

St. George's School celebrated the Christmas closing on Tuesday at 11 a.m. in an informal manner. The piano and singing pupils of Miss Dermot Baillie gave a delightful programme of music. Four of Miss Rankin's pupils contributed a French two-part song, and Miss James's fourth form history class acted with gusto a tragedy written by themselves, "The Trial and Execution of Charles I." The applause which greeted this effort was deafening, and amid cries of "Author," Doreen Sweeney, Helen Campbell and Louise Omondson stepped forward, and with smiles and blushes bowed acknowledgment of the appreciation of the audience. In the spirit of the occasion Velda Ritcher recited "The One-Hoss Shay" with delightful effect, showing promise of great talent.

In the dining-room Miss James, the mistress, had arranged a small exhibition of drawing, and embroidery worked from original designs of the pupils themselves.

Mrs. Suttie distributed the certificates for matriculation, second year high school, Royal Academy of Music, and Royal Drawing Society to the winners whose names were recorded in the local papers in July and August.

It was with many congratulations that Mrs. Suttie presented the prizes to Mary Bastion in the High School Department, and to Sheila McBride in the fourth form. Congratulations were also due to the girls who followed the winners so closely: Elsie Cooke, only half a mark behind, Velda Ritcher, Sara Nixon, and Mimi Cox.

Cheers were then called for the music mistress, Miss Baillie, for the staff and for Mrs. Suttie, and after the singing of the National Anthem the school dispersed for the holidays.

On Monday at 11.30 a.m. several parents and friends met in the gymnasium to watch the drill display: Miller is to be congratulated again on the excellent work of her classes. Club-swinging, skipping and folk-dances were much enjoyed. Some of the members of the special dancing class performed pretty and graceful dances—C. and P. Hamersley, D. Homer Dixon, May Steel and Barbara Barker.

Mrs. D. E. Campbell then presented the honor stripes to those who had obtained over eighty per cent. of marks during the term, and Mrs. J. A. Ritcher the Girl Guide badges. Three cheers were given to these ladies for their kindness, and the same for the popular games mistress, Miss Miller, and for Mrs. Suttie, after which the National Anthem was sung.

Tuesday's programme follows: Two-part song, "All Among the Bole" (Sitting); senior class; piano solo, "A Folk Song" (Markham Lee); Kathleen Dunn, union song, "The Bells of Cantier Gwaelod" (Williams).

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AT THE THEATRES

ROLICKING COWBOYS
CLASH WITH "SIMPS"
IN COLISEUM SHOW

"Going Some" at the Coliseum this week is a farce that is appropriate to the holiday season. There is fun in every line and the enlarged company with the spirit of Christmas prevailing enjoy it as much as the audience. Then Will Marshall, self-styled champion from Yale, comes to the rescue. His verbal reputation falls to correspond with his real ability and how he gets out of the difficulty is told in one

AT THE THEATRES

Capitol—"The Unguarded Hour," Columbia—"The Mark of Zorro," Dominion—"Classified," Coliseum—"Going Some," Playhouse—"The Katzenjammer Kids."

long series of laughs. George Brydson, his rival with the ladies, creates a lot of fun in the part of a "simp." The picture, too, "Inez from Hollywood," proves a great attraction. It is a touching story of a movie vamp who sacrifices for a loved younger sister.

DORIS KENYON HAS
FLIPPING MUD PIES
DOWN TO FINE ART

Many and varied are the accomplishments required of motion picture stars these days. For example, Doris Kenyon spent the greater part of one day flipping chunks of soft mud at the face of Milton Sills during the filming of one of the comedy scenes in "The Unguarded Hour," the stars starring picture now showing at the Capitol Theatre.

Mud-slinging is not usually considered an accomplishment, but in this case one had to be almost an expert, for each chunk of mud had to land on the right side of Sills' nose, just below the right eye. It is not calculated to elicit a highly dignified frown, but to have a fresh young woman from Manhattan flipping mud at his nose, and so Sills as the duke in the picture registers real disapproval. He did this to perfection several times during the

CHARLES MURRAY HAS
REST FROM YEARS AS
SLAPSTICK COMEDIAN

Twenty years on one act in vaudeville, ten years in slapstick screen comedies—and now Charles Murray is taking a well-earned rest in feature films of the highest dramatic standard, and, incidentally, doing the best work of his career, according to movie commentators.

Murray's assumption of the mantle of authentic characterization dates back from his appearance with Mary Philbin in "Rose of Paris" only last year, but his vogue since then has become so great that he has appeared in fully twelve major screen productions up to the present date.

His latest work will be seen in the new Corinne Griffith offering, "Classified," booked for the Dominion Theatre all this week. Most of his important screen appearances have been in First National productions, and to clinch the matter that concern has just placed Murray under a five-year contract.

STAGE ASSOCIATES IN
FAIRBANKS PICTURE
ON COLUMBIA SCREEN

It is a curious coincidence that Douglas Fairbanks should have spotted him in "The Mark of Zorro," his latest United Artists production, which is the feature at the Columbia Theatre to-day. Claire McDowell, Noah Berry and Charles Hill, who with Fred Niblo as his director, many years before their advent into the silent drama, they had appeared at different times with one another upon the legitimate stage.

Incidentally, it was also the film debut of Noah Berry, Jr., aged seven, but unlike his famous father, Noah, Jr. appears to be destined for heroic roles in the future. In one scene of "The Mark of Zorro," young Berry drops from an outer wall of a building and with a miniature sword gallantly rescues a little miss of about the same age from the cruel clutches of another youngster who appears to take great delight in inflicting punishment upon her. 'Twas a proud parent who stood near the camera viewing the performance with great gusto.

LIFE-SAVING LESSONS
IN "RUGGED WATERS"
PLAYHOUSE FEATURE

"The Katzenjammer Kids" are receiving an enthusiastic greeting at the Playhouse Theatre this week. This playlet of Reginald Hincks, produced somewhat similar to a pantomime, is proving a big attraction, and the audiences which have witnessed it proclaim the entertainment as one of the best yet. It abounds with oceans of laughs, jokes and mirth, contains many exciting moments and situations, and the various artists participating handle their respective roles in commendable fashion.

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In addition to the attraction which the music is sure to be, the committee have ordered several hundred paper hats of a quantity of streamers and other novelties, which will fit in with the spirit of the occasion. The J.B.A.A. regret very much that the "Tickletoe Orchestra" will be unable to provide the music. All of these, however, are claimed to be absolutely without foundation.

PRAISE FROM MANY
QUARTERS WON BY
"THREE LITTLE MAIDS"

Here are a group of comments selected at random from the many enthusiastic notices accorded the noted musical success, "Three Little Maids," with the famous G. P. Huntley as its star. "Three Little Maids" come to the Royal Victoria for two days, commencing Friday, December 24, and these opinions will enable Victoria theatre-goers to know exactly what the main features of the play are—and act accordingly.

"The best comedy, singing, dancing, costumes and scenery seen in any musical comedy performance since even here in years."—Ottawa. "A delight to laugh at and with a comedian such as G. P. Huntley, who does not have to resort to slapstick tactics to emphasize his wit and humor."—The prettiest and sweetest little maids that have ever graced a stage in Winnipeg. "Exceptionally lovely voices of Marie, Hilda and Margaret. Quarrington and Barwell."—The brightest, snappiest and most beautiful musical comedy seen here in many seasons. "Briefly, to sum it all up: 'Three Little Maids' is a musical comedy of the first class, with a trace of coarseness, highly amusing, artistic and, to repeat it once more—one of the funniest in years."

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD
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Reginald Hincks' 1925 Christmas pantomime, "Old Mother Hubbard," which opens next week for a six-day run at the Playhouse Theatre, with matinees on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, is without doubt the funniest and most successful of his annual festive season productions. He has written a great show of fun and gaiety, which will appeal strongly not only to the kiddies but adult patrons as well. It is expected that comedy lovers will see this outstanding production of the year. Catchy songs, captivating music and humor galore feature the pantomime.

The cast includes Ernie Lynch, Reginald Hincks, Harold Bechtel, Hugh Williamson, Percy Lewis, Marie Broadman, Eileen Bennett, Audrey Bennett, Edna Herrin, Frances Kelley and Florence Kelley. "The Limited Mail," with Monte Blue, Vera Reynolds, Willard Louis, Otis Hinton and other well-known stars in the leading roles, will be the screen offering next week at the Playhouse. This picture is sizzling with excitement, and which is backed by a dramatic, with a strong strain of romance running through it. It is a thrilling melodrama of the Colorado mountains, where, in spite of poverty and tragedy, a man regains peace and finds happiness.

FOUR CONCERTS
ARE ARRANGED FOR
WILLIAM HEUGHAN

Four concerts are announced for the approaching visit of William Heughan, noted actor-singer, and his associate artists. The Heughan concerts will be held at the Empress Hotel on Saturday, January 2 and in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium on January 4, 6 and 7. The art of William Heughan is said to be very compelling. He is a dramatist of a very high order, interprets with amazing ability the songs of many nations. In each he takes completely to himself the characters in his songs and demonstrates throughout the versatility of his art. As an operatic artist he made a great name as an exponent of "Mephistopheles" in Faust, both in the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, London, and in the principal Italian opera houses.

With Heughan are Hyman Lenzner, the famous young violinist, and Gladys Sayer, the well-known pianist from the Brussels Conservatory.

Three Children
Were Suffocated

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Three children were suffocated late yesterday when they started a fire in their home in Lancaster while playing with matches. The blaze caused little damage to the house, but filled one of the rooms with smoke. The children's clothing was not ignited. Those who lost their lives were Gertrude Weis, six; Joseph Weis, five and Rene Weis, three.

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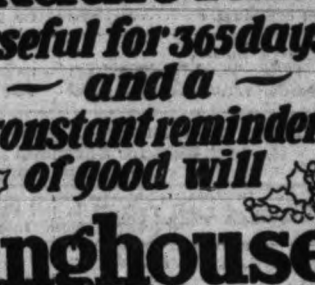
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6.30 p.m.—Mr. Fix-it.
6.30-7.30 p.m.—Dinner concert from Sherman, Clay & Company.
7.30 p.m.—Weather bureau report.
N.Y. stock reports (closing), San Francisco stock reports (closing), San Francisco produce news.
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8.10-8.30 p.m.—Studio programme.
KTCL (306) Seattle, Wash.
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7.30-11.30 p.m.—Studio programme.
Lewie Piano House.
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7.00 p.m.—Nick Harris, detective stories.
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KFOA (289) Corvallis, Ore.
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8.0-8.30 p.m.—Educational programme.
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10.10-10.30 p.m.—Sweet's Ballroom Entertainers.
CHRW (264) Winnipeg
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7.50 p.m.—Farmers' Agricultural Lecture.
8.00 p.m.—Musical programme direct from the Messaline Floor of the Fort Garry Hotel.
8.10 p.m.—Studio programme by the Canadian National Railways' Transcona Shows Branch.
8.30 p.m.—Supper Dance Programme by the Fort Garry Hotel orchestra.
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8.30 p.m.—Dr. Mary Baumgard, lecturer.
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7.30 p.m.—Market reports, Vancouver Sun.
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6.40 p.m.—Waldemar Lind and the States Restaurant orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Rudy Selger's Fairmont Hotel orchestra.
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9.10 p.m.—Dance music by the Goodrich Silverstone Cord orchestra.
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KFOA (455) Seattle, Wash.
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6.45-8.15 p.m.—Hopper-Kelly Music Co. musical programme.
KJR (284) Seattle, Wash.
7.30 p.m.—Sears Roebuck studio programme.
10.30-10.50 p.m.—Post-Intelligencer studio programme.
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Evangeline Cider, Reg. 25c bot. for	20c		
J. & B. Plum Puddings, Reg. 10c tin. for	39c	Clark's Plum Puddings, Reg. 50c tin. for	28c
Port Wine Cordial, Reg. 15c bot. for	12c	Libby's Pinenut Asparagus, Reg. 10c tin. for	20c
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Libby's Large Asparagus, Reg. 35c tin. for	22c	Libby's Large Asparagus, Reg. 50c tin. for	40c
French Green Beans, Reg. 10c bot. for	27c	Reception Plum Puddings, Reg. 11.50c for	\$1.25
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Fresh Fruit Cake, per lb. 30c or 2 lbs. for	55c	Christmas Crackers, pkt. 10c for	\$3.00
Cherry Cake, Reg. 40c lb. for	30c	Santa Claus Stockings, 10c for	\$1.50
Almond Iced Cake, Reg. 60c lb. for	50c		

Almond Almonds, Reg. 95c lb. for 75c | Almond Paste, Ready for cake, lb. | 60c |

Best Juicy Lemons, per doz.	19c	Well Berried Holly, per lb.	50c
Fancy McIntosh Red Apples, 4 lbs. for	25c	California Grapefruit, 4 for	25c
Large Navel Oranges, per doz. 60c, 50c and 40c	35c	Jap Oranges, per box	75c
Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for	35c	Red Emperor Grapes, lb.	15c
New Chestnuts, per lb.	35c	Extra Fancy Table Apples, 3 lbs. for	25c
Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb.	30c	New Brazil Nuts, per lb.	30c
Spanish Cluster Raisins, per pkt. 60c and 40c	50c	Best Quality Mixed Nuts, lb.	35c
Extra Large Pinyon Figs, lb.	40c	California Cluster Raisins, lb.	25c
New Pitted Dates, Reg. 40c pkt. for	25c	California Layer Figs, lb.	20c
Large Cauliflower, each, 30c, 20c and 15c	15c	New Fara Dates, per lb.	25c
Fresh Green Peas, per lb.	35c	Large Stuffed Dates, Reg. 65c pkt. for	50c
Fresh Celery, 3 heads for	15c	Fresh Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs.	25c
Netted Gum Potatoes, 17 lbs. for	25c	Fresh Head Lettuce, 3 for	25c

Domestic Shortening, Reg. 25c pkg. for 20c | Reception Breakfast Bacon, holly wrapped, lb. | 45c |

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Reception Christmas Hams, holly wrapped, lb. 33c | Burns' Shamrock Christmas Hams, lb. | 36c |

Reception Pure Fruit Mince Meat, per lb. 30c | Prime Canadian Stilton Cheese, per lb. | 37c |

Or own container, lb. 17c | Imported Gorgonzola or Roquefort Cheese, lb. | 55c |

Peanut Butter, lb. 17c | Swiss Knight Cheese, box | 50c |

Or own container, lb. 16c | Kraft Cheese, lb. | 40c |

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ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL PLEASE 500 POOR CHILDREN

Mammoth Christmas Tree and Entertainment Dec. 30 at Chamber of Commerce

To nearly 500 children of poor families this year, the Rotary Club will impregnate the genial and generous Father Christmas. Owing, however, to the pressure of his many other Yuletide engagements, his visit under Rotary auspices will not be made until Wednesday next, December 30, at 1 o'clock, when he will make his appearance at the Chamber of Commerce.

But the tardiness of Santa's arrival will be more than compensated by the fullness of his sack, the contents of which will be transferred to an enormous Christmas tree before the arrival of the kiddies. In addition to toys, candies and other good things to please the youngsters, there will also be provided a sumptuous tea and entertainment, including a moving picture, for the little guests.

Nearly 500 children have been invited to the affair, all from families whose circumstances prevent anything in the nature of a party for the little ones, so the Rotarians are stepping in to see that Christmas is a real Christmas for them. The Rotarians, as in previous years, are to the fore in the preparations for the celebration, and a committee of ladies is in charge of the tea.

PRETTY SCENE AT MARIGOLD HALL

Striking Costumes at Garden City W.I. Children's Party Yesterday

Many striking and original costumes were in evidence at the Marigold Hall last evening, when the Garden City Women's Institute entertained about 200 children at a Christmas party and dance. The hall was beautifully decorated with colored streamers, greenery, and as the centre of attraction a huge Christmas tree illuminated with colored lights.

Mrs. A. Booth of Esquimalt W.I. and Mrs. R. Booth of Victoria W.I. acted as judges, and were so delighted with the many pretty costumes that they added two special prizes to those already on hand. The following were the prize-winners: National, Frances, Dorothy, Richdale; original, Christmas Tree, Doris, Pictou; advertisement, Time to Re-Tire, Phyllis Alexander; Mother Goose rhyme, Little Miss Muffet, Gwen Dewar; special prize, Pirates, George, Richard; special Indian Prince, Charlie Atkinson; comic, Charlie Chaplin, Tom Neiligan.

The Garden City orchestra under the direction of Leader Hodgkins provided the music for the dancing and games. Principal Routley was an efficient Master of Ceremonies, and the institute members served delicious refreshments.

TO-MORROW'S HOROSCOPE

By Genevieve Kemble

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

A very propitious way of the planets will add to the cordial spirit of this day, especially for those in the employment of others and those identified with large corporations and with lodges and societies. The former may be prepared for advancement, recognition or other form of favor from their superiors and the others may have pleasant surprises or valuable secret agreements. It is wished, however, that money should be used judiciously and that all papers be signed with care.

Those whose birthday it is are under excellent prospect for advancement, honors or favors during the year, but they should sign all papers cautiously and should not risk money in speculation or loans. A child born on this day may be expected to succeed best in the employment of others as it may be inclined to be reckless in handling its own money and in making bad bargains.

Major and Mrs. Leonard Andrews of Vancouver, will arrive in Victoria to spend the Christmas season as the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McKicking, Linden Avenue.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Helen Cowan of New York is visiting in Victoria and is a guest at the Glenisiel Hotel.

Miss Carolyn Davison will spend the Christmas holiday in Bremerton as the guest of friends.

Mrs. Harvey Combe and small daughter left yesterday for England for an extended visit with relatives.

Miss Macrae, October Manana, is leaving to-morrow to spend Christmas with friends in North Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Taylor, of Oscar Street, are spending the Christmas holidays in Vancouver as the guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Taylor, of Oscar Street, are spending a few days in Seattle, and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hart of Vancouver are expected in Victoria to-morrow to spend the Christmas season with friends.

Col. Homer Dixon came over from Vancouver to-day to spend the Christmas holidays with his family at their home on Moss Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Whitting, of Seattle, are spending the Christmas holidays at Deep Bay as the guests of the latter's father, Mr. Frank Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Burdick of Vancouver, will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Burdick, Oliver Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harper of Vancouver are spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria as the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Rome, Moss Street.

Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria Club, will spend Christmas in Vancouver as the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Barr, Point Grey.

Miss Ina R. Castle arrived yesterday from San Francisco, and is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Castle, 223 Harbinger Avenue.

Mrs. Ward and Miss Kate Ward of Toronto, are visiting in Victoria as the guests of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Gallon, Linden Avenue.

Master Jack Lindsay, who is a student at Cranleigh House, left yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation in Vancouver with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lindsay.

Mr. Toby Hodgins and Mr. Tom Hodgins, both of Vancouver, will spend Christmas in Victoria as the guests of their parents, Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Hodgins, Fairfield Road.

Mrs. and Mr. Sherwood Hercher of Fernie are visiting in Victoria as the guests of the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gourlay, Granite Street, Oak Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. York are leaving for Vancouver where they will spend Christmas as the guests of Mrs. York's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gault.

Miss Rose McDonald of the nursing staff of the Providence Hospital, Seattle, is expected in Victoria this week to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. R. McDonald, Olive Street.

Mr. Noel Bagshaw of Vancouver, is expected in Victoria to-morrow to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshaw, Richardson Street.

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P. R. Crain and his family are down from Port Alberni. They are at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. E. S. Kelly of Sooke are making a short stay at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss Bartholomew came into town from Deep Cove yesterday afternoon and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. R. G. Barnes of Regina, Mr. E. Reath of Duvy, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larsen of Moose Jaw, and Mrs. A. A. Dinning and Mrs. T. C. Bentley of Gulliver, Sask., have arrived at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss Lella Carson, who graduated from the University of British Columbia in the Spring in Public Health Nursing and who has just completed her course in training in the Vancouver General Hospital, is visiting in Victoria as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Carson, Hillside Avenue.

New arrivals within the last day of Prairie people who have come to the Coast for the Christmas holidays include Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Martin of Minburn, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Nelson of Holden, Alta.; Mr. Robert Blum of East, Alta.; Mr. and Mrs. Copland of Fort William; Mr. T. J. Early and Mr. H. W. Early of Saskatoon; Mr. C. Mair of Prince Albert; Mr. W. D. Crawford of Regina, who are all at the Strathcona Hotel.

The benefit social held last evening at the K. of P. Hall proved a huge success, the lucky winners of the turkey and goose were: First table, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Cronk, Mr. Wood and Mr. McKay; second table, Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Perry, Mr. Hunt and Mr. G. Smith; third table, Mrs. Disher, Mrs. Quale, Mr. Wilby and Mr. Logan; ten bid, Mrs. Brookington and Mr. Fairhurst; special prize, Mr. Currie. After the cards a large number of friends joined in the singing to the strains of Finner's orchestra. Mrs. W. Randall and committees wish to extend grateful thanks to all friends and patrons who helped to swell the Christmas cheer for some worthy cause.

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Opera Star Has Had Five Years' Vacation; Against Women Smoking

New York, Dec. 23.—Frieda Hempel, concert and opera singer, returned on the White Star liner Majestic yesterday with the announcement that after a five years' vacation she expects to appear in opera next year in Germany, and with the statement that she would like to start "a big drive against women's smoking."

Miss Hempel, before launching her attack on women smokers, emptied her purse of cigarettes, saying she was going into training for her annual "concert tour of the country" shortly. Smoking, she said, was bad for singers' throats and had for women's health.

Miss Hempel was met by her husband, William Kahn, New York banker. She denied the report of a separation.

"My husband and I are terribly happy together," she said, "and the secret is that we both have our careers."

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Teaspoons, 6 for\$2.65
Pickle Forks, each\$2.00
Sugar Shells, each\$1.45
Jelly Servers, each\$1.45
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Six in racked box. Price, \$3.95
- Stainless Steel Dessert Knives
Six in racked box. Price, \$4.25
- Stainless Steel Dinner Knives
Six in racked box. Price, \$4.75
- Stainless Steel Carving Sets
Set of two pieces. Per set, \$3.95
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- Gloria Covered Umbrellas**
Satin border, novelty handles;
various colors. Price\$5.50
- Silk-covered Umbrellas**
Steel frames, pigmy style, amber
tips, novelty handles; various
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English make, strong steel frames,
attractive handles; various colors.
Price\$7.50
- Children's Umbrellas**
Pigmy style, strong frames, silk
covers, neat handles; red, green,
navy and pany. Price, \$5.00
Special at\$4.50
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Dainty Underwear for Christmas Giving

- Rayon Silk Vests**
In assorted shades. Prices, \$1.50,
\$1.75 and\$1.95
- Rayon Silk Bloomers**
Prices, \$1.95, \$2.95 and \$4.95
- Rayon Silk Slips**
Prices, \$3.00, \$3.95 and \$4.75
- Rayon Silk Nightgowns**
Prices, \$5.50 to\$8.50
- Rayon Silk Pyjamas**
Prices, \$9.50 and\$10.95
- Dainty Velle Nightgowns**
In a large variety of colors. Prices,
\$1.95 and\$2.95
- Cotton Crepe and Velle Pyjamas**
Prices, \$3.75 and\$4.50
- Crepe de Chine and Satin Step-ins**
Attractively trimmed with fine lace
or net. Prices, \$4.50, \$5.50
and\$6.95
- Crepe de Chine and Satin Vests**
Prices, \$4.50, \$5.95, \$6.95 to
.....\$11.50
- Crepe de Chine and Satin
Nightgowns**
Prices, \$7.95, \$9.75, \$10.50,
\$12.50, \$14.50 and\$17.95

Boudoir Caps and Aprons

- Dainty Boudoir Caps and Bands**
In wash satin, crepe de Chine and
fine lace. Prices, 95¢, \$1.29,
\$1.49, \$1.75 to\$3.50
- Tea Aprons**
In pretty designs, white and colors.
Prices, 89¢, \$1.25, \$1.35 to
.....\$1.75
- Novelty Aprons**
In attractive colored chints, cham-
bray and black satin. Prices,
69¢, 89¢, 95¢, \$1.29, \$1.49
and\$1.89
- Rubber Aprons**
In a large variety of styles. Prices,
89¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.49
and\$1.89



Gift Hosiery

- Rayon Ribbed Silk Hosiery**
Hemmed tops, all colors and black.
Per pair\$1.00
- Pure Thread Silk Hosiery**
In all the wanted shades. Per
pair\$1.50
- Imperial Pure Thread Silk Hosiery**
Wide hemmed or elastic ribbed
tops; all colors, including black.
Per pair\$1.75
- Oriental Purple Stripes Silk Hosiery**
Heavy weight, all colors; also
black and white. Per pair, \$2.00
- Kayser Full Fashioned Silk Hosiery**
Hemmed tops, all colors. Per
pair\$2.00
- Novelty Silk Hosiery**
Also satin striped silk hosiery in all
shades. Per pair\$2.50
- Kayser Pointed Heel Chiffon
Silk Hosiery**
Sheer quality in new evening
shades. Per pair\$2.75
- Gotham Gold Stripes Silk Hosiery**
Heavy weight, full fashioned; all
colors. Per pair\$3.00
- Spun Silk Hosiery**
Full fashioned 6-3 rib; all shades.
Per pair\$3.75
- CHILDREN'S GIFT HOSE**
Rayon Silk Socks
Turn-down tops, all shades. Per
pair, 59¢ and75¢
- Silk and Wool Socks**
In two-tone colors, elastic ribbed
turn-down tops. Per pair, \$1.00
and\$1.25
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Gift Handkerchiefs

- Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs**
Hemstitched or scalloped borders,
assorted colors. Prices, 20¢, 35¢
and40¢
- Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs**
Allover design, oriental colors.
45¢ and75¢
- Pure Linen Handkerchiefs**
Stencilled design in black and em-
brodery in colors. Choice of vari-
ous colors. Price50¢
- French Linen Handkerchiefs**
In assorted colors with contrasting
embroidered corners. Price50¢
- French Linen Handkerchiefs**
Pure linen, scalloped or net edge,
embroidered corners. Prices, 50¢,
75¢, 85¢ and\$1.00
- White Linen Handkerchiefs**
Silk or linen centers. Prices,
\$1.00 and\$1.25
- White Lawn Handkerchiefs**
Pin stripe effect, embroidered
corners; three in box. Price
.....\$1.00
- Pure Linen Handkerchiefs**
Colored borders, embroidered cor-
ners, various shades; three in box.
Price\$1.25
- Colored Linen Handkerchiefs**
Embroidered corners, edged with
colored or black net; three or four
in circular box. Prices, \$1.75
and\$2.00
- Irish Linen Handkerchiefs**
In embroidered corners, four in
attractive box. Prices, \$2.50
and\$3.50
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Gift Neckwear

- Rayon Silk Scarves**
Lace effect in various shades.
Prices, \$2.95, \$3.50, \$3.95 to
.....\$6.50
- Printed Silk Scarves**
In color combinations. Prices,
\$3.50, \$3.95 and\$4.50
- Cambray Wool Scarves**
Plain, striped and various checked
designs. Prices, \$2.50, \$2.95,
\$4.95 and\$6.50
- Collar and Cuff Sets**
Of trimmed lace. Prices, 75¢,
\$1.25, \$1.50 to\$2.50
- Jabots**
Of lace trimmed net, pleated and
casade effect. Prices, \$1.00,
\$1.25, \$1.75 to\$3.75
- Tuxedo Collars**
Of silk tucked net with guipure
lace. Prices, \$1.25 to\$1.75

A Special Christmas Dinner at \$1.00

Will be Served
To-morrow Evening
From 6.15 to 8 p.m.

MENU

- Olives and Hearts of Celery
Clear Mock Turtle Soup
Lobster Bouches
Saddle of Spring Lamb
Green Peas and Steamed
Potatoes
Fried Lettuce and Fresh
Dressing
Roast Turkey—Chestnut
Stuffing
Larded Fillet of Beef
English Plum Pudding
Hot Apple Pie
Lemon Water Ice
Cheese Souffles
Almonds and Raisins

—Victorian Restaurant, 4th
Floor, H.B.C.



Don't Forget the Christmas Candies

- Hudson's Bay Hand Dipped Assorted
Chocolates including hard centres
and cream centres, per lb. 50¢
and\$1.00
- Chocolate Braid Creams, Pecan Bis-
que and Marshmallow Cheries, per
lb. \$1.00
- Genuine Liqueur Marshmallow Cheries,
per lb. \$1.50
- Large Fancy Baskets containing
finest assorted chocolates, each,
at\$7.50
- Pascall's Phones with midget candies
and bell attached, each, \$1.00
- Cardboard Pram and Cradles con-
taining chocolate doll and candy,
each75¢
- Small Card Cradles containing
chocolate doll, each, 75¢
- Genuine Old Fashioned Rock Candy
on a String, per lb. 50¢
- Crystallized Ginger Jellied, per lb.
at50¢
- Circus Wagons containing chocolate
animals, each10¢
- Sleighs containing wrapped toffees,
each10¢
- Small Boxes of Assorted Chocolates,
each10¢
- Christmas Candy, per lb. 25¢, 35¢
and40¢
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Last Minute Gift Suggestions in the Drug Section

- French Ivory Hair Brushes, \$4.25,
\$6.50 and\$9.50
- Ebony Hair Brushes, \$3.75, \$4.50
and\$6.50
- French Ivory Mirrors, at \$7.50,
\$8.75 and\$10.00
- Fancy Bottle Perfume Gifts, 50¢,
85¢ and\$1.25
- Coty's and Houbigant's Perfumes at
\$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$10.00
- Perfume Atomizers; values, \$1.50,
\$2.25, \$4.50 and\$6.50
- Combined Sets of Face Powder, Toilet
Water, Bath Salts, Dusting Powder,
Powder Compacts, in different ar-
rangements at \$1.75, \$2.50
and\$3.50
- Swansdown Powder Puffs; each in a
lacy companion box at \$1.25,
\$1.50, \$2.25 and\$3.50
- Gibbs' Lavender Dew Soap; box of
6 for75¢
- R. and G. Fancy Soap, 3 in box. A
special, at\$9.50
- Yardley's Lavender Soap; box of 3
for\$1.00

Seven Tables of Gift Suggestions in the China Section

- If you are in doubt what to give,
visit our China Section and choose
from these seven tables, containing
a wide variety of articles suitable for
Christmas gifts. Prices as follows:
- Table No. 1—Gifts at\$2.50
- Table No. 2—Gifts at\$3.50
- Table No. 3—Gifts at\$4.50
- Table No. 4—Gifts at\$5.50
- Table No. 5—Gifts at\$6.50
- Table No. 6—Gifts at\$7.50
- Table No. 7—Gifts at\$8.50
- Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

The Store of a Million Gifts

Offers These Helpful Suggestions to Last-minute Gift Shoppers

French Novelties in a Wide Variety for Gift Purposes

- Novelty Candles**
In various designs; three sizes.
Per pair, 50¢, 65¢, 75¢, \$1.00
- Beaded Bags**
Nicely lined, various two-tone
colorings to select from. Priced
at\$1.50
- Children's Mesh Bags**
Colored ring handles. Price, 75¢
- French Candles and Electric
Light Shades**
Quaint designs and shapes, silk
covered, artistically decorated.
Prices, \$1.00 and\$1.25
- French Vanity Cases**
Celluloid Cases, in assorted colors,
fitted with mirror and powder
puff. Prices, \$2.50, \$2.95
and\$3.50
- Novelty Cigarette Holders**
In fancy cases, plain or decorated,
various colors. Prices, 50¢,
\$1.00 and\$1.25
- French Novelties**
Powder boxes and compacts, pin
tags, jewel boxes, pin cushions,
picture frames. Prices, 75¢
to\$1.95
—Main Floor, H.B.C.



Gift Stationery

- Boxed Stationery**
Plain or gift deckle edge, various
shades. Per box, 75¢ and \$1.00
- Boxed Stationery**
Embossed gift, tissue lined envel-
opes. Per box\$1.00
- Linen Finished Correspondence
Cards**
Gift edge, assorted colors. Per
box, 75¢, \$1.25 and\$1.50
- Suede Finished Stationery**
In hinged gift boxes. Prices,
\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50
- Photographed Albums**
Assorted sizes, leatherette or
suede covers. Prices, \$1.00,
\$1.25, \$1.50 to\$3.95

A Gift Certificate

Will solve your gift problem.
They are issued for any
amount and are redeemable at
any of our eleven stores. Ob-
tainable at the General Office,
Fourth Floor.

Gifts for Smokers

- Folding Tobacco Pouches; special
at\$1.19**
- Millbanks' and Players' Cigarettes**
In tins of 50, with Christmas
wrapping. At, 70¢ and 85¢
- Metal Cigarette Cases, in new de-
signs45¢**
- Dunhill Pipes, in new designs70¢**
- Imperial Mixtures, halves and pounds,
in Christmas wrapping; at, \$1.40
and\$2.75**

Gloves Are Always Acceptable



- French Kid Gloves**
Turn-back or circular cuffs, em-
brodured points, in all the newest
shades. Prices, \$2.25, \$2.50,
\$2.95 to\$3.50
- French Suede Gloves**
With novelty turn-back cuffs and
embroidured points, all shades.
Prices, \$2.25, \$2.75, and \$3.00
- Silk Lined Reindeer Gloves**
Pull-on style with elastic at wrist.
Mode and grey-only. Price, \$5.95
- Capekin Gauntlets**
Strap and dome fastener, fur-
lined, grey and tan. Prices, \$4.95,
\$6.50 and\$8.75
—Main Floor, H.B.C.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

As this Store will be closed from Thursday Night to Monday Morning may we remind our customers that it will be necessary for them to lay in sufficient supplies to last them over the three days.

Fresh Fruit and Nuts

- Finest Japanese Oranges, per box,
at75¢**
- New California Navel Oranges, per
dozen, 25¢, 35¢, 50¢ and 60¢**
- Extra Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs
for25¢**
- Choice Red Emperor Grapes, per lb.
at25¢**
- Fine Large Florida Grapefruit,
each, 15¢ and20¢**
- Cape Cod Cranberries, per lb. 28¢,
3 lbs for55¢**
- Selected Cauliflower, each, 15¢,
20¢ and25¢**
- Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs for45¢**
- Fresh Celery, per stick10¢**
- Good Sound Cooking Onions, 10 lbs
for25¢**
- Imported Chestnuts, per lb. 35¢**
- California Soft Shell Walnuts, per
lb. at30¢**
- New Washed Brazilia, per lb. 45¢**
- French Celery, Almonds, per lb. 25¢**
- Barcelona Fibberts, per lb. 30¢**
- Superior Quality Mixed Nuts, per
lb. 34¢, 3 lbs for\$1.00**
- Choice Mixed Nuts, per lb. 28¢,
2 lbs for55¢**
- Freshly Roasted Peanuts, per lb.
at15¢**
- Choice Pecan Nuts, per lb. 45¢**

Women's Dressing Gowns, Kimonos and Sweaters

- Dressing Gowns**
In beacon blanket. Prices,
\$7.95, \$8.95, \$10.95, \$11.95
and\$12.95
- Corduroy Velvet Kimonos**
Prices, \$6.95 and\$8.50
- Novelty Grape Kimonos**
Prices, \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95
to\$9.75
- Smart Tailored Blouses**
In spun silk. Prices, \$5.95,
\$6.50, \$6.95, 7.95 to \$12.95
- Smart Pullovers**
In all wool or silk and wool.
Prices, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$7.50
to\$11.95
- Useful Cardigans**
In all wool or silk and wool.
Prices, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$7.50
to\$25.00
—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Christmas Meats and Poultry

- All Poultry Cleaned Drawn and
Skins—Extra—Without Extra
Charge**
- ISLAND TURKEYS OF EXCEP-
TIONAL QUALITY**
12 to 18 lbs, per lb. 52¢
10 to 12 lbs, per lb. 50¢
8 to 10 lbs, per lb. 48¢
6 to 8 lbs, per lb. 46¢
- Local Capons, per lb. 45¢**
- Fresh Killed Geese, per lb. 30¢,
and35¢**
- Fresh Ducks, per lb. 30¢**
- Roasting Chickens, per lb. 40¢**
- Fancy Fowl, per lb. 33¢**
- ALBERTA TURKEYS**
12 lbs and over, per lb. 48¢
10 to 12 lbs, per lb. 46¢
8 to 10 lbs, per lb. 44¢
- GRAIN AND MILK-FED PORK**
Legs, average 10 lbs, per lb. 28¢
Loins, not too fat, per lb. 35¢
- Shoulders, whole or half, per lb. 24¢**
- ISLAND LAMB**
Legs, average weight 5 lbs, per lb.
40¢
- Loins, 4 to 6 lbs, per lb. 40¢**
- Shoulders, whole or half, per lb. 28¢**
—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Toys for Boys

- Mechanical Trains, 50¢ to\$6.50**
- Electric Trains, \$2.50 to\$18.00**
- Meccano Sets, \$2.00 to\$20.00**
- Sand Toys65¢**
- Friction Toys\$1.50**
- Games, 10¢ to\$2.75**
- Scoters, \$2.50 to\$5.50**
- Wagons, \$2.50 to\$10.50**
- Kiddle Kars\$2.95**
- Horses and Carts\$2.25**
- Tool Sets, \$1.95 to\$6.50**
- Chemistry Sets, \$2.50, \$5.00
and\$10.00**
- Steam Engines70¢**
- Guns, 50¢ and75¢**

Toys for Girls

- Dolls of every description, 50¢
to\$14.95**
- Furniture Sets\$2.25**
- Teddy Bears, 95¢ to\$7.50**
- Kindergarten Sets\$3.95**
- Painting Books50¢**
- Stencil Sets45¢**
- Plastacine\$4.50**
- Sewing Machines, \$2.75 to \$4.50**
- Essel Black Boards\$3.25**
- Toll Telephones, 75¢ to\$2.50**
- Doll Beds\$3.50**
- Games, 10¢ to\$2.75**
- Carpet Sweepers, 75¢ to\$3.25**
—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.



Roller Skates for Girls or Boys

- Union Ball Bearing Skates, adjust-
able to any size. Per pair, \$3.50**
—Sporting Goods, Main Floor, H.B.C.

LESS UNEMPLOYED APPLY FOR RELIEF

THIS CHRISTMAS

Societies Have Fewer Calls on Purse From Needy Christmas Hampers Will go to Those in Need in Victoria

The mild weather with which Victoria has been favored this winter finds its reflection in a diminution in the number of unemployed and a smaller drain on the resources of the various relief agencies. For the individual without a job, however, conditions are bad and relief societies are doing their best to brighten their lot for Christmas.

The Friendly Help Society and the Salvation Army are, perhaps, the best reflect conditions in the industrial world. Last year the Friendly Help Society sent out 311 hampers in needy families at Christmas, and during the month of December, 1924, the colder weather brought the total of those needing assistance to the same number. This year, however, the number of hampers sent out by the association will be less than 200. In this connection it is interesting to note that P. Burns and Co. have generously provided sufficient material for 300 hampers, representing 310 persons, a gift which will be welcomed in the home of the poor.

The number applying for relief throughout the month has also been much smaller this year than last, according to the secretary of the association, a fact which she largely attributes to the mild weather.

On the other hand the Salvation Army has had to extend assistance to a large number of unemployed men and their families, some of the cases being desperate in their need and very pathetic, according to the officers.

The organization is planning to send out many Christmas hampers, and they are hoping for a generous response to their Christmas cheer pots which have been a familiar sight in the streets for the last few weeks.

TO REMODEL VESSEL FOR ALASKAN TRADE

Princess Charlotte to be Renovated With Many De Luxe Suites

Skagway Tourist Business Prospects Bright For 1926

Cabin de luxe accommodation with specially attractive features will play a part in the part in the B.C. Coast Service steamer Princess Charlotte for the Alaskan tourist trade next summer. When the vessel is refitted and furnished, the vessel will start early in the New Year.

When again taken out and ready for sea the Princess Charlotte will be one of the best equipped vessels on the coast and will play a part in the B.C. Coast Service steamer Princess Louise in the Skagway run, her present renovations being designed to bring the vessel up to the same standard of comfort and luxurious accommodation as the newer vessel, Princess Louise.

From experience it has been found the most expensive accommodation on board ship was the first to be sold out for the Northern run and that led to the decision to remodel the Princess Charlotte by adding to her de luxe suites. All transportation agencies are preparing for a greater movement of tourists in 1926 than even this season, which was a record one since pre-war days.

Man Collapses

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Robert P. Smallhorn, fifty-two, travel agent at Bonaventure station, collapsed on a street here yesterday and died before medical aid could reach him.

Mr. Smallhorn had been with the company for thirty-one years.

MEIGHEN IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Addressing the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada at its annual banquet here last night, Mr. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative Party, said Canada could not allow its parliamentary system to be developed into a group of countries of great distances and groups in Parliament would surely and rapidly develop into geographic sections, he said. Each would plead its special problems and there would be a continuous bargaining and log rolling.

**Assist Nature!
Resist Colds**
by keeping the System Regular

Beecham's Pills

THE NATION'S LAXATIVE—

—to insure insertion in Saturday's paper all Display Advertising Copy Should be Handed in to Times Office not later Than 8 p.m. Friday.

GRAIN CARRIERS MOSTLY FOREIGN

Only Fraction of Tonnage Calls at Canadian Ports

Wheat Pool Endeavor to Make Best Division of Carriage Possible

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—"It already has been stated in the grain trade news that the discussion of the shipping of grain from Canadian ports is being conducted from the wrong end," was the reply of D. L. Smith, sales manager for the Central selling agency of the wheat pools, to a question as to the attitude of the pools on this question, and the statement of Sir Henry Thornton that the route was entirely at the shipper's discretion.

Both these statements are true, said Mr. Smith. "The desirability of shipping from Canadian ports is recognized as much or more by the pools than any other shipper, since they handle a bigger volume of grain and can do more, perhaps, to make the route they want. Grain, however, is also shipped by the cheapest route, and what is desirable gives place to what is economical. The shipper can choose his route, with this consideration.

"The reason why the Eastern United States route is so largely used is not because the overland rates are lower than Canadian, but because the tonnage mostly comes to American ports. Practically fifty per cent. of the crop is shipped in liner space, the remainder being tramp space.

"While the pools make all the use they can of Canadian ports, they can only do so when liner space is available or if tramps can be induced to touch Canadian ports. St. John is a winter port. Halifax is a time port, a new elevator, which will undoubtedly attract tramp tonnage in time.

"More than 3,000,000 bushels of this year's crop wheat has gone out through Quebec. On the whole, more than fifty per cent. of pool grain goes by Canadian ports, and is tonnage to take out. Liner space is sometimes quite cheap when wheat is scarce, but the tramps are free of the cost of the grain, and are attracted by an economic offer. In a strange port without cargo they also cut their rates."

AMUNDSEN'S SHIP SOLD AT SEATTLE

Reported Purchase by Hudson's Bay Company is Unconfirmed

Seattle, Dec. 23.—That the Hudson's Bay Company had bought Amundsen's polar exploring ship Maud, was the report here today, although the Lea-Matthews Shipping Corporation, representative of the purchaser, refused confirmation.

The Maud, after an unsuccessful attempt to drift across the top of the world, is lying at anchor in Lake Superior. Amundsen's trustees in bankruptcy in Norway advised the Seattle representatives that sale of the Maud for \$40,000 had been sanctioned by the purchaser, but the price was not enough to satisfy claims, amounting to \$5,741 against the ship.

The Maud would be used to replace the Hudson's Bay schooner, Lady Kildare, which was crushed in Arctic ice, it was said.

INTERCOASTAL CARGOES HOLD

First of New Year Will See Activity Via Canal

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—San Francisco passenger agents of steamship lines operating the intercoastal trade assert that travel from the East Coast to the Pacific will be unusually heavy during January and February. This prediction, they declare, is borne out by bookings already made and from advices received from agencies from the Atlantic and Gulf ports.

Bound for Sydney by way of the Hawaiian, Samoa and Fiji Islands, the Oceanic liner Sonoma sailed Tuesday with more than one hundred passengers and her cargo space filled.

The T.R.K. liner Glynis Maru arrived yesterday from Valparaiso.

The Matson liner Manoa, with a full list of passengers and heavy Christmas mail aboard, is due today from Honolulu.

British Columbia Music Festival

FOURTH ANNUAL COMPETITION NEXT SPRING

OFFICIAL SYLLABUS JUST ISSUED

By G. J. D.

British Columbia will witness its fourth musical festival, commencing in the late Spring of next year, for the first time in the province. The festival movement is making rapid strides in the Province and the interest in its proceedings bids fair to rival that of the musical festivals of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, which have been in existence for a number of years. The forthrightly stated purpose of the festival is to give the youth of the province an opportunity to show their musical talent and to receive the encouragement and instruction of the province's prominent musicians, the chairman, vice-chairman and treasurer being E. H. Winn, E.C. W. G. Trooper and Harold Darling respectively. The newly appointed general secretary is Sam A. Lawrence, and the festival office is in the Rogers Building, Vancouver. The official syllabus for this year's competition has just been issued and contained therein are eighty-two classes, and twenty-five special prizes, among these being the Lieutenant-Governor's handsome shield, donated by His Honor Walter C. Nichol, for highest marks in juvenile day school choir; the silver challenge cup for highest marks in piano solo classes, donated by the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club; and the "Jackson Hanby" championship cup, donated by the First Presbyterian United Church Choir of this city for the competitor gaining the highest marks in vocal solo.

It is to be noted that Miss Ada M. Wise of the city is the present holder of the silver challenge cup for highest marks in vocal solo classes, donated by No. 3 Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

To all who are interested in these competitions it is well to remember that all entries will close Saturday, April 10.

WILL CLAIM FOR COLLISION LOSS

Damage Awards of Over \$5,000 Will be Sought From Tanker

Claims totalling \$5,150 will be laid against the tanker El Grille as a result of the collision at 4 o'clock yesterday morning three miles east of Race Rocks, when the tanker and a schooner, which went awash, lost all but a few scattered tons of the pulpwood cargo.

The Gardner Towing Company will claim \$3,500 for the loss of the schooner, the Gardner No. 7. Alfred Carmichael, a local realtor, owner of the 160-ton cargo of Sooko pulpwood on board the schooner for Port Angeles, will file a claim for the value of the wood, estimated at \$1,650. Formal proceedings against the vessel will be taken at Vancouver.

No one was hurt when the schooner and tanker came together in the swift water off Race Rocks. The tanker is said to have ripped out the end of the schooner, which went awash, losing all but a few scattered tons of the pulpwood cargo. The schooner succeeded in towing the half-sunken vessel to port after the incident, the tanker proceeding when she found further aid was not required.

Vessel Quarantined

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Commerce announced here this morning the Matson Navigation liner Manoa had arrived from Manila at 3 o'clock today with smallpox aboard. The ship was taken to quarantine.

JOLLY CROWD ENJOYS C.P.R. CARD PARTY

Express Company Loss Claims Low

Heavier Parcel Movement From East to West in Canada

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Handling one of the heaviest Christmas parcel shipments during any December in the history of the company, the Dominion Express Company's headquarters here today reported a heavy business. The results were as follows: First prize, with a score of 27, Mrs. Belanger, Mrs. O'Connor, Messrs. Saunders and R. Little.

Three prizes claimed the next score of 26 and a "cut" being made resulted as follows: Second prize, Mrs. J. R. Clark, Miss Paul, Messrs. Tibbet and Reddin.

Third prize, Mrs. W. H. Rowlands, Mrs. Kay, Messrs. H. Kayes and G. Libbey.

Prizes were also given to the couple making the ten bid, but as this was made at no fewer than nine tables, a cut had again to be resorted to and was won by Mrs. Webster and Mr. Mathews.

A special prize was made at the finish of the evening and was won by Mr. C. D. Richardson.

Arrangements were made with Kirkham's Cash Grocery to supply roast or provisions to the value of the prize to any of the prize-winners who did not want a turkey. The organizing of the game was in the capable hands of Jack Belanger, who was ably assisted by C. O. Van Camp, George Dixon, J. W. Phillips and M. R. White.

AN UNUSUAL RADIOGRAM

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 23.—A wireless demand by the liner Rotterdam for three pounds of flea powder to be used on a cargo of silver foxes brought about a death here in the commodity.

The ship had 161 foxes from the United States. The whole town was to be searched before the order could be filled.

C.G.M.M. MOVEMENTS

Canadian Freighters left Vancouver for Avonmouth, Liverpool, Glasgow, November 24.

Canadian Highlander left Swanesboro for Vancouver December 2.

Canadian Rover left San Francisco for Victoria December 12.

Canadian Observer left Astoria for San Pedro December 11.

Canadian Pioneer left Norfolk for London November 24.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for London November 24.

Canadian Importer left Antwerp for Vancouver November 30.

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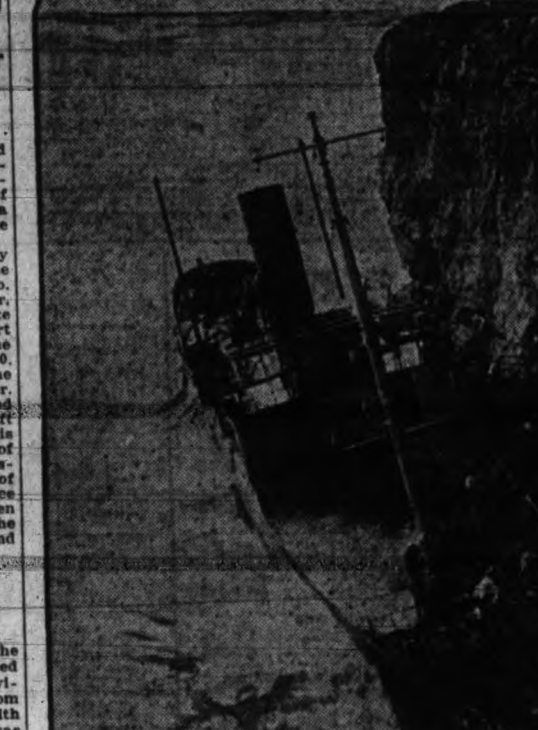
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ISLAND LUMBER AND SALT FISH CARGOES MOVE

Port Alberni, Dec. 23.—The steamship Altair Maru sailed direct from Port Alberni Sunday night for Shanghai and Kobe.

The vessel completed its cargo on Barkley Sound and at Port Alberni. Four thousand tons of dry salted herring were loaded at Port Alberni and Kidston, and about 600,000 feet of milled timber was taken on at the Alberni Pacific Lumber Company docks here.

Three other ocean going ships are expected to arrive before Christmas for herring and lumber.

The steamship England will take a full cargo of export lumber at Port Alberni and a half million feet of lumber for Atlantic ports.

The steamship Norman Monarch is expected in this week for a part cargo of about two and a half million feet of lumber for Atlantic ports.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

OCEAN VESSELS TO ARRIVE

Steamer	Master	Ton.	Agent	From	Due
Africa Maru	O.S.K.	Orient	Dec. 29
Toyama Maru	N.Y.K.	Orient	Dec. 30
President Jackson	O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 5
Dramatist	Rithets	U.K.	Jan. 20

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Steamer	Master	Ton.	Agent	For	To Sail
Arabia Maru	O.S.K.	Orient	Jan. 24
Empress Maru	C.P.R.	Orient	Dec. 28
Pres. Madison	Admiral-O.	Orient	Dec. 28
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Kaga Maru	N.Y.K.	Orient	Jan. 7
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COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 8:45 a.m.

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For Alaska Route

B.C. Coast Service: From Victoria Oct. 5 to Nov. 17; Dec. 11 to 11 p.m.

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Canadian National: On Mondays at 8 p.m. for Stewart and Anzac.

Union Steamship: Every Tuesday at 11 a.m. and every Friday at 8 p.m. for Vancouver for Alert Bay, Fort Hardy, Prince Rupert, etc.

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Auto Ferries

Mill Bay Ferry: Leaving Island Highway at Malahat—Leaves Victoria Avenue, Brentwood, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.

Admiral's Point Ferry: Mill Bay, 4:15 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., and 6:15 p.m.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1925.

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
23	8:04	4:28
24	8:05	4:27
25	8:06	4:26
26	8:07	4:25
27	8:08	4:24
28	8:09	4:23
29	8:10	4:22
30	8:11	4:21
31	8:12	4:20

TIDE TABLE

Day	High Water	Low Water
23	10:45	4:15
24	10:46	4:14
25	10:47	4:13
26	10:48	4:12
27	10:49	4:11
28	10:50	4:10
29	10:51	4:09
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PASSENGERS WERE PIRATES' PRISONERS

Hongkong, Dec. 23.—The British-owned coastal steamer Tungkong, with a number of foreign passengers, some of them women, came into port here yesterday after having been for four days the prize of Chinese pirates, who looted her and directed the sailing of the vessel for approximately 1,000 miles. The piracy was the most daring carried out for many years in the China Sea.

The steamer's British captain will recover from a bullet wound. All others on board were suffering from the strain of their adventure when they landed, but had not been injured.

The Tungkong, owned by the China Navigation Company, had sailed from Shanghai for Tientsin. The pirates were aboard, disguised as stevedores.

On December 13, about 300 miles south of Weihaiwei, they seized the ship. The passengers were taken to the southward to Bias Bay, a notorious pirate resort on the coast of Kwangtung Province, about forty-five miles northeast of Hongkong. There small boats came alongside and took off the loot.

PIRATES ESCAPED

The pirates made their getaway and permitted the Tungkong to steer for Hongkong.

The number of foreign passengers was unusually large, because the railway line between Shanghai and the northern cities has been cut by the civil war of the last several weeks and the sea route offered the only means of travel between the Yangtze and Tientsin.

Among the passengers were H. G. W. Woodhead, editor of the China Year Book and the Peking and Tientsin Times; Mr. Sharp of the British-American Tobacco Company; Mr. McAfee of the American-Oriental Banking Corporation; Mr. and Mrs. Ennot, missionaries; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Murch, the Rev. Mr. Ford and the Rev. Mr. Leask.

The first and second officers were compelled to navigate the vessel under the yellow buccaners made their headquarters in the first class saloon and threatened to shoot all aboard if hindered in their enterprises.

MARINE NOTES

The E. D. Kingsley docked at Evans, Coleman and Evans wharves this morning from Barkley Sound, and discharged 25 tons of asphalt, salt and general cargo, including meat for Pender Island. At Otter Bay she will set down 300 tons of salt for fisheries there.

The City of Vancouver is due here December 27 to load lumber, in from sea in the Orient run. She cleared from Kobe at the first of the month, and is proceeding light, it is understood.

Two N.Y.K. vessels will make port towards the end of the month, the Toyama Maru embarking on December 30; and the Kaga Maru putting to sea on the following day.

Establishing a precedent in the port the Island Tug and Barge Company have installed a wireless set on the tug Burrard Chief. The Burrard Chief carries a complete spark set, transmitter and receiver, and is thus within reach of orders at any point on her route.

The C.G.M.M. vessel Canadian Trooper arrived at the Ogden Point pier overnight in a vessel lumbering to-day for Florida, the Mecca of recent lumber shipments. The Canadian Observer made port at 10 p.m. yesterday from San Francisco in the coastal route, with a light discharge for this port before proceeding on her route.

Some 300 tons of salt were set down by the steamship E. D. Kingsley yesterday at Pender Island, after a brief call here to discharge asphalt and salt.

The steamship Greylock is expected to tie up at the Ogden Point docks on Thursday to load lumber for Atlantic ports.

Inbound from sea the S.S. City of Vancouver may drydock here before loading and proceeding to mainland ports. Lumber may be taken on here after her arrival, about December 28.

SPOKEN WIRELESS

Dec. 23—3 p.m. shipping: CANADIAN REVENUE, 150 miles from Victoria, inbound.

CITY OF VANCOUVER, Osaka for Victoria, 1,007 miles from Victoria.

SYDNEY MARU, for Seattle, 1,200 miles from Victoria.

WEHIME MARU, for Gray's Harbor, 1,400 miles from Estevan.

NABLES MARU, for Portland, 1,510 miles from Estevan.

Dec. 23, 8 a.m. weather: Estevan—Rain; southeast; light; 25; 50; rough.

Prince Rupert—Cloudy; southeast; fresh; 25; 45; 49; rough.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 30; 48; smooth.

Cape Lazo—Foggy; calm; 29; 50; smooth.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Damages of \$12,000 are asked in a claim filed here against The O. B. U. Bulletin, a Labor paper. Mrs. Esther Burns, the claimant, sets forth that the defendant "deliberately and maliciously published an article on November 15 last containing statements on which she based her claim for damages in her home at 22 Edmonton Street.

Two girls had quarreled, and were making uncomplimentary remarks concerning each other's features.

One of them had a snub nose, and the other was more than a little sarcastic about it. So much so, in fact, that at last the girl reduced to the verge of hysteria, appealed to her to desist.

"It's cruel of you to poke fun at my nose," she complained. "I didn't choose it."

"Oh, quite right, my dear," said the other, unfeelingly. "Of course, you didn't; it turned up unasked."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sanich storekeepers will be open for business on Saturday, closing their premises at 1 o'clock.

The Provincial Museum will be closed Christmas day and on New Year's day, but will be open on Saturday, December 26, and January 2 as usual, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

H. R. Bridge of the Canadian Film Productions Limited will give an address over the radio from Station CF on Saturday, December 26, and on January 2 as usual, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The talk will commence at 8.10 o'clock.

Rotarians will celebrate a Miyu Potlatch to-morrow at the Empress Hotel, the weekly luncheon being the occasion for a general exchange of inexpressible remembrance among the members. The programme will be in charge of the acquaintance committee.

A new map of Victoria District, prepared by aerial photography, is under consideration by the Federal Survey Department at Ottawa. Mayor Earl Pender was yesterday informed by Surveyor-General F. H. Peters. The mayor had asked for inclusion of Greater Victoria in the programme of aerial surveying now in hand. The demands to be met are far in excess of the funds available, the Surveyor-General states.

Loganberry growers of Sanich met last night at Kestel Temperance Hall and discussed the future policies of the Growers' Wine Company. Manager Lamont stated that 65,000 gallons of wine had been made this season, and preparations were in hand for vinting 100,000 gallons in 1926. P. Holloway president, and Hon. T. G. Coventry, M.P.P., addressed the meeting in congratulatory vein.

The memory of M. K. G. Bamber, founder of the Bamber Cement Works on Sanich Arm, who was killed in a motor accident in England in September last, has been perpetuated by the erection of a beautiful lychgate at Swanscombe Cemetery, where he is buried. The gate, which was dedicated by the Bishop of Rochester last month, bears the simple inscription: "This gate was erected to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Bamber, who was killed in a motor accident in England in September last, 1925."

A pleasing event took place at the Armories last night when the boys of the Victoria Sea Cadet Corps presented ex-Sergeant Major Roy Stewart, in appreciation of his services as instructor of the first aid classes of the brigade. The presentation was made on behalf of the Victoria Sea Cadet Corps by Petty Officer Roy Stewart, in reply Mr. Jones impressed upon the boys that voluntary service and assistance was the very foundation of all first aid work. The thought of reward was to be the last thing in their minds. He advised them to enter for the Wallace Nesbitt shield competition which will take place shortly and to strive for the highest marks obtainable.

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COURT JUDGMENT FAVORS PLAINTIFF

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Muriel Franklin, Aged 6 1/2 Years, Guessed Name; 800 Entries

Little Muriel Franklin, aged six-and-one-half years, of 1523 Belcher Avenue, will be glad to see Christmas by a beautiful doll, for she was the lucky winner of the doll contest conducted by the B.C. Electric Company in connection with the opening of the new showroom at their Douglas Street store.

The name of the doll was "Elsie," but Muriel Franklin was the only one who guessed the name, and even she made it "Elsie Elaine." A rather curious feature of the contest was that while over 800 children entered the contest, there was only one correct guess. Betty and Peggy and Dorcas were there galore, while quite a number christened the doll with the name Alexander, probably in tribute to the late Queen Mother. There were also lots of "Little Orphan Annie's" and a number of the little contestants chose such names as "Victoria Gans," "B.C. Light," "Hygiene," "Electric" and other names apparently inspired by the products of the company.

The doll is a beauty, about eight-inches high, and dressed from top to toe with hand-made clothing which can be taken off at the little mother's will.

The contest closed at noon to-day, and a few minutes later the work of checking-up the cards was under way. Mrs. H. P. Hodges of The Times editorial staff opened the sealed envelope containing the name of the doll and superintended the checking of the cards.

OBITUARY

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Angus took place at 10.45 this morning from the B.C. Funeral Chapel, and proceeded to Christ Church Cathedral, where service was held by Dean Quinlan, assisted by Rev. H. F. Fatt and Rev. F. M. Hughes. A very large attendance of friends were present, and the casket was covered with many beautiful flowers. The pallbearers were Messrs. R. Angus, J. A. Angus, D. J. Angus, E. T. Rogers, B. T. Rogers and J. C. Bridgman. The remains were laid to rest at the family plot in Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Ellen Murray, late of Greenwood, B.C. The late Mrs. Murray was born in Ontario sixty-eight years ago and survived by her husband, six sons and two daughters. The funeral will be held from the B.C. Funeral Chapel on Saturday at 2.15 p.m.

The body of the late Mrs. Lily Bull was laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Service was held at Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel at 2 o'clock by Rev. F. H. Fatt in the presence of many friends. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. C. W. Gibbs, E. C. Hunt, G. Wood and W. H. Harris.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's Hospital of Mrs. Ruby May Bolding, wife of William Bolding of 480 PARRY STREET. The late Mrs. Bolding was twenty-seven years of age and leaves her husband and three children. The funeral will be held to-morrow from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 2.50 o'clock, proceeding to St. Andrew's Cathedral, where Rev. Father Dealey will celebrate mass. Interment will be made in Ross Bay cemetery.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Glasgow, Dec. 23 (Canadian Press Cable). Cowdenbeat defeated Queen's Park in a First Division Scottish soccer game played to-day 7-3. In the second division, Arbroath defeated Nithsdale 4-1.

GUILTY OF ROBBERY

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—Kamitono, thirty-six Japanese, pleaded guilty before Magistrate Shaw this morning to two charges of robbery with violence and was remanded until December 29 for sentence.

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Women's Invieta Oxfords in black or brown calf, low or medium heels. Shown in B, C and D widths. A pair \$5.00

Blond Kid Slippers, a new strap style, at \$7.50

Black Satin Strap Slippers, new styles at, \$5.00 and \$6.00

Women's Felt Slippers, with soft leather soles, at a pair \$1.00

Women's Felt Slippers with turn leather soles and heels, finished with a heavy plush collar. Shown in three different colors. A pair \$2.95
—Women's Shoes, First Floor

CHILDREN'S SHOES

For Christmas—Are Always In Demand

Misses' Classic Oxfords, in black or brown calf; sizes 11 to 2; at \$5.00 Misses' Classic Patent Strap Slippers; sizes 11 to 2; at \$3.50 and \$2.95

Children's Rubber Knee Boots, Dominion brand; sizes 6 to 10½. A pair \$1.95 Sizes 11 to 2; a pair \$2.45

Hewetson's Children's Oxfords, patent, brown calf or black calf. Sizes 8½ to 11; at \$3.50 Sizes 5 to 8; at \$3.00

Hewetson's Strap Slippers, in patent, brown or black calf. Sizes 8½ to 11; at \$3.25 Sizes 5 to 8; at \$2.75
—Children's Shoes, First Floor

Wonderful Assortment of WOMEN'S SCARVES

In Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Silk Knit For Christmas Gifts

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Scarves in all the most popular colorings, two-tone, ombre and all-over pattern effects; some with dainty hand-painted designs. Wonderful values from each, \$2.75 to \$8.95 Silk Knit Scarves in an endless variety of colorings, stripe or mixture effects with fringed ends. Special at, each, \$1.49 and \$2.95
—Women's Neckwear, Main Floor

Hand-painted French Crepe de Chine Scarves

At Special Christmas Prices

Hand-painted Scarves of heavy quality French crepe de Chine in beautiful color combinations and designs. Each one is initiated by the artist; six different designs and colorings. Regular \$18.95, for \$13.95 Regular \$13.50, for \$9.95 Regular \$11.95, for \$8.95 Regular \$10.50, for \$7.95 Regular \$8.95, for \$6.75
—Ribbons, Main Floor

Children's Flannelette Pyjamas, \$1.75 and \$2.00

White Flannelette Pyjamas, in two-piece style, the coat is in a cute style, made to fasten down the side and piped with pink. Pants finished at waist with elastic. Sizes for 6 to 14 years. Special price, a suit \$1.75 White Flannelette Pyjamas, in neat, two-piece style, straight coat with frog fastenings, and frill at ankle of pants; sizes for 6 to 16 years. A suit, \$1.75 to \$2.00
—Children's Wear, First Floor

Children's Sweater Suits for Christmas

A Last Minute Gift Suggestion

\$3.75, \$4.95 and \$5.75

Children's 3-piece Brushed Wool Sweater Sets, consisting of pullover jersey, buttoning on the shoulder, overall gaiters with elastic at the waist and toque finished with pom pom on top; sizes for 2 to 4 years. Nice woolly garments for the cold weather. Make very attractive Christmas gifts. Priced at \$3.75 Woolen Sweater Sets for children, consisting of coat sweater fastening high at the neck, overall gaiters with ankle strap and smart little toque with pom pom on top. Shown in jade trimmed with putty, and grey trimmed with blue; sizes for 2 to 5 years. In brushed wool; a set \$5.75 In plain knit; a set \$4.95
—Children's Wear, First Floor



Dressing Gowns for Women

Priced at \$4.90 to \$25.00

Flannelette Dressing Gowns of fleecy texture in all-over patterns of contrasting shades. They have shawl collar; full length sleeves and trimmed with cord \$4.90

Eiderdown Dressing Gowns, with "V" neck and three-quarter sleeves; smart wrap effects, pretty \$8.90

Beacon Cloth Dressing Gowns with shawl collar, long sleeves and patch pockets. They are finished with silk girdles; sizes 34 to 44, each \$12.90

Quilted Satin Dressing Gowns, made with roll collars and patch pockets; shades are orchid, pansy, black, navy, peacock blue and rose, each, \$19.75 to \$25.00
—Mantles, First Floor

Women's Neckwear 98c and \$1.98

Women's Neckwear, consisting of jabots, collar and cuff sets and vestees in all the newest designs, made from lace, satin, gold cloth and georgette; regular values to \$4.75. On sale for 98c, and at \$1.98
—Neckwear, Main Floor

Gifts for Baby

In Great Variety

Infants' Suits of lovely soft wool, consisting of pullover sweater, buttoned high at the neck, with turn-down collar, knee length pants finished with cord at the waist. Very smart garments, in white trimmed with pink and blue, and pink and blue trimmed with white. Priced at \$4.50 and \$4.75 Snapshot Books for Baby's photographs, dainty little books with novelty cretonne covers. Each \$1.75 Kewpie and Novelty Safety Pin Holders in sky and pink. Each, \$1.00 to \$1.50 Baby Brush and Comb Sets, a good assortment of these, all boxed ready for presentation; some are daintily hand-painted. Priced from, a set, 95c to \$3.50 Baby Record Books, with silk moire covers, hand-painted. Each, 95c to \$2.50 Dainty Woolen Matinee Jackets of pure wool or silk and wool; shown in variety of cute little styles, in all white or trimmed with pink and blue. Lovely soft, cosy garments for baby. Priced at, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50

Nice Fleecy Beacon Cloth DRESSING GOWNS

For Girls' Christmas Gifts

Each \$2.95 to \$7.50

Dressing Gowns of nice fleecy beacon cloth, in pretty all-over patterns of contrasting shades, designed with or without collars and trimmed with silk cord or satin binding. Sizes for 2 to 5 years at, \$2.95 and \$3.50 Sizes for 6 and 8 years, at \$4.95 Sizes for 10 to 15 years at, \$5.75 and \$7.50



Women's Silk Bloomers

All Qualities—For Christmas Gifts

Silk Bloomers, the well-known "Harvey - Nick" style, with pleated sides to insure a perfect fit. Shown in shades of black, white, pink, orchid, pansy, pine-grove, sunset, Kyoto and ashes of roses. Size 44; at, per pair \$3.25 Sizes 36 to 40, at \$2.95 Rayon Silk Bloomers, in a full-fashioned garment, well reinforced in a good range of colors. Special at \$2.95

Harvey Synthetic Silk Bloomers in all good shades; sizes 36 to 40. A pair, \$1.75 and \$1.95 Kayser "Marvellit" Bloomers in shades of pink, white and orchid; all sizes, ranging in price from \$3.95 to \$4.95 Kayser Silk Bloomers in good quality silk and shades of white, pink and orchid. Special at \$3.50 to \$4.50
—Knit Underwear, First Floor

TOYS

Of All Kinds and at All Prices

Sets of Lead Soldiers representing all the British regiments, nice for the little lads. Priced at, a set, 50c and 75c British Sailors, North American Indians and African Zulus of lead, made up in sets and priced at, a set, 50c and 75c Railway Station Staffs, made of lead, at \$1.75 and \$1.00 One Station, regular \$5.00 for \$2.50 Tracks at, per length, 10c Switches, each 95c Crossovers, each 75c Electric Tracks, per length for 15c Electric Crossover, at each \$1.50 Electric Switches, at each \$2.00 Christmas Stockings at 10c, 25c, 35c, \$1.50 and \$1.75 Building Blocks at, a set, 50c, 75c, \$1.75, \$2.95 Blackboards at \$2.00 and \$6.00 Sewing Machines at \$4.50 Toy Brooms, each 25c Toy Stoves, at \$1.25, \$2.50 and \$2.95
—Toys, Lower Main Floor

Novelty Jewelry

Necklets, Bracelets and Brooches in Many Styles

Oriental Necklets of an opalescent character; shown in beautiful color combinations in choker or graduated styles. Priced from 95c to \$1.95

Bead Necklets in a large and varied assortment, graduated styles, in shades of emerald, sapphire, amethyst, ruby, crystal, turquoise and amber. Priced from 75c to \$1.75

Sterling Silver Bar Brooches set with semi-precious stones in very attractive designs; each one boxed for presentation. Each, \$1.95 to \$2.95

Bracelets in flexible or ordinary style, set with colored stones of every description. Each, 75c to \$1.00
—Jewelry, Main Floor

UMBRELLAS

With Unusually Smart Novelty Handles, Priced From

\$1.50 to \$10.50

Women's Umbrellas with reliable paragon frames and covered with excellent grade cambric or Gloria silk; a wide range of newest style handles. Cambric Covered. Priced from \$1.50 to \$3.00

Gloria Covered. Priced from \$3.50 to \$5.00

Colored Gloria Covered. Priced from \$4.50 to \$6.95

Gloria Silk Covered. Priced from \$5.50 to \$10.50

Women's Colored Silk Umbrellas, with 16 ribs, gilt frame; handsome umbrellas, suitable for sun or rain. Colors are pillar box, purple, paddy, brown and navy. Each \$10.50
—Umbrellas, Main Floor

Christmas Gift Stationery

Correspondence Cards, white and colored. A box, 50c and 60c

Correspondence Cards, with gilt edge; per box 75c

Colored Stationery and Envelopes, in pretty boxes. A box 50c

Stationery, white and colored; per box, 75c and \$1.00

Lamp Shades, very pretty and useful, well made frames with pretty paper designs. Each \$1.25
—Stationery, Main Floor

Fine Quality Leather Handbags, \$5.50 and \$7.50

Smart Leather Handbags, in three compartments styles, more lined; made on good strong frames, nicely finished with inside fittings. Shown in plain or striped fine Morocco, in navy, brown or black; in puma calf in brown, fawn or grey, and in crocodile grain in fawn or grey. All unusual values at, each \$5.50 Leather-lined Handbags of fine quality solid Morocco leathers, exceptionally well made, with four compartments and inner swing pocket. Fitted with mirror, note tablet and purse. Shown in black, brown or navy. Each \$7.50

Hosiery

Easy to Select and a Gift Appreciated by Every Woman

Full fashioned, exquisitely sheer Chiffon Hose, with sandal foot, in sizes 8½ to 10. "Gordon" make, made in shades of back, gunmetal, French nude, sunset, Windsor tan, orchid moonlight and gold. At a pair \$3.00

"Gordon" Lace Clocked Hose, full fashioned, and made from purest silk, with a lisle garter welt hem; sizes 8½ to 10; in shades of black, white, sunset and French nude. At a pair \$3.25

Kayser Full Fashioned Silk Hose, the wearing quality and appearance of which everyone knows. Have well reinforced feet, and shown in black, white and all the desired shades. A pair \$2.00

Winsome Maid Pure Thread Silk Hose, heavy weight, with seamless feet, strongly reinforced. Shown in black, white and all colors. Sizes 8½ to 10. A pair \$2.00

Marvel Silk Hose, with pointed heels, lisle garter hem and reinforced foot. May be had in shades of black, white, peach, nude, powder blue, camel, silver, gold, cameo, platinum, toreador and cheri, illusion, kasha and pansy. A pair \$2.00

Gift Gloves

For Women and Misses—Newest Styles Best Grades

Reindeer Suede Gauntlet Gloves, seamless, wool lined with fur cuff, a beautiful glove in slip-on style, with elastic at the wrist. Perfect fitting. Shown in shades of slate grey or sable and priced, at a pair \$5.95

Reindeer Suede Gauntlet Gloves, in the popular slip-on style, with elastic at the wrist. This is an English made glove of high standard workmanship. Shown in slate grey or sable, and priced at, a pair \$3.95

Fur-lined Cape Skin Gloves in the regulation wrist length with one dome strap fastener; these are fur-lined throughout, insuring real warmth and comfort. Special, a pair \$4.50

Fur-lined Gauntlet Gloves, with a deep flare cuff, strap fastener, and fur-lined from cuff to finger tips; very desirable driving gloves. Special, a pair \$6.50

Wool-lined Gloves, in cape skin or suede finish, regulation wrist length, with one dome fastener; these are wool-lined throughout, offering every comfort. Shown in brown, grey or tan, and priced, a pair \$2.50
—Gloves, Main Floor

Toilet Articles

MAKE USEFUL AND DAINTY GIFTS

FRENCH IVORY

It is a well-known fact that our stock of French Ivory is the most complete in the city. You can buy almost any article you wish at a very moderate price.

FRENCH IVORY SETS

Fitted up in handsome gift boxes. The articles are all of best quality and well matched from our regular stock.

Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets from, each \$7.50 Manicure Sets from, each \$4.50

MEN'S GIFTS

It is sometimes rather difficult to decide what to give a man. We can help you by showing a group of selected gifts of various kinds and at prices to suit.

Military Brushes from, a pair \$1.50 Shaving Brushes from 75c Shaving Sets, complete \$1.25 Shaving Mirrors, all prices.

—Children's Wear, First Floor

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Confidence Lights the Way to This Store of Big Values

WHERE MERCHANDISE FROM EVERY PART OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED TO SUPPLY
YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT NEEDS

Fancy Cushions at Special Prices

Cushions on attractive shapes, covered with fine French brocades and silks. Pleasing colorings. Special values, \$5.00 and \$7.00
Kapoc Filled Cushions, covered with a fine grade cretonne and finished with frilled edges. Each \$1.50
Kapoc Filled Cushions, covered with fine grade cretonne and trimmed with plain color pipings. Each \$1.00
—Drapery, Second Floor

Men's Caps, a Special Offer

EACH, \$1.95
A special purchase of Men's Dressy Caps, all of high quality and workmanship. New styles and colors; made of tweeds, homespuns, covert and polo cloths, by notable Canadian and English firms; all sizes. Special, at \$1.95
—Men's Caps, Main Floor

VELOUR HATS FOR MEN

\$4.50, \$6.00, \$8.50, \$10.00 to \$12.00

Velour Hats, Austrian made and blocked and finished by Joseph Ward of England. The shades are beaver, light fawn and dark grey. They have raw edge and snap brim. Absolutely the finest qualities and workmanship shown in these imported hats; English or Canadian makes for \$4.50 to \$12.00
—Men's Hats, Main Floor

A Wealth of Down-filled COMFORTERS

From Which To Select a Gift—Great Values For

\$7.75 and \$12.75

Full-size Down-filled Comforters, covered with down-proof cambrics in beautiful floral and Paisley designs; on rose, blue, green and black grounds and beautifully paneled in self colors. Each \$7.75
Comforters filled with pure down and covered with high-grade sateen in floral designs. They are paneled in satin in contrasting shades and fully ventilated. Great value, each \$12.75
—Staples, Main Floor

LINENS



Tablecloths, Runners, Squares, Centres and Napkins High-grade Linen

Gifts of Real Worth—We Have a Great Selection to Choose From

Pure Irish Linen Cloths in floral and conventional designs. Three sizes and exceptional values at \$5.95, \$7.95 and \$9.95
Napkins to match, 22x22; a dozen \$7.95
Pure Irish Linen Cloths, all snow white, new designs, as well as the old favorites. Three sizes, each \$7.50
\$9.95 and \$12.50
Napkins to match, 22x22; a dozen \$12.50
Lace Runners and Squares Very Pretty
Lace Trimmed Runners, in a wide range of designs, 17x45 inches; each great value at 50¢, 75¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25
Lace Trimmed Squares, shown in a complete range of styles, 30x30 inches, and great value. Each, 75¢ and \$1.00
Irish Embroidered Runners and Squares
Runners beautifully embroidered, on high grade fabric, with hemstitched or scalloped edge. Size 17x50 inches. Each, 75¢ and \$1.00
Linen Crash Runners and Squares and Centres
In ecru shade. Silk embroidered and with hemstitched and scalloped edge.
Runners, 12x54-inch, at each \$1.50
Runners, 18x45-inch, at each \$1.50
Squares, 36x36-inch, at each \$2.00
Centres, with scalloped edge, 14x20-inch, each, at 75¢
Centres, with scalloped edge, 18-inch, each, \$1.00
—Linens, Main Floor

Gifts of Worth You May Select in Our Electric Department

Electric Clamp Lamps that can be adjusted to any position, mahogany or dull brass finish. Complete with cord and plug. At each \$3.50
Electric Table Lamps, artistic in finish and design; bronze, gold, oachrome, golden chrome and Etruscan finish. Complete at \$8.50, \$9.50, \$11.50 and \$15.00
Hot Point Electrical Irons for Christmas gifts \$5.75
"Dominion" 6-lb. Irons, with michronic element, mica plate, indestructible heel rest, nickel-plated hood and rubberoid finished handle, with cord and plugs complete. Ideal Christmas gift, each \$3.95
Star Combination Electric Grill, toaster, hot plate, fry pan, griddle and egg poacher; high grade nickel finish. With cord and plugs complete, at \$7.50
Aluminum Electric Percolator, made from long-life metal and highly polished. 2-quart with 6-foot cord and plug complete. Regular \$7.35 at \$4.95

Special Turkey Supper 50c

Served from 5.30 till 7.30 this evening in our Dining-room, Third Floor.

Pretty Gift Towels and Towel Sets Useful and Attractive

Towels in striped Jacquard designs, 22x46, in colors mauve, blue, pink and gold. Each \$1.25
Towels, 22x46 inches, practical bath size, with figured Jacquard border, in mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each at \$1.00
Towels, size 16x34 inches, with white centres and Jacquard borders of mauve, pink, blue and gold. Each at 50¢
Guest size, 12x22 inches, in Jacquard designs, with mauve, pink, blue and gold borders. Each 40¢
Towels, 20x45 inches, with border all around in beautiful combination colorings in rose design. Each, 89¢
Towels, size 20x38 inches, in mauve, pink, blue and gold, with check design in Jacquard weave. Each 79¢
Turkish Towel Sets, extra fine grade, with colored borders, striped and floral centres.
Sets of one bath towel and two face cloths \$1.75
Sets of one bath, one guest towel and one face cloth, at \$1.75
—Staples, Main Floor

Table Victor Gramophones

Big Special Values, Each

\$45.00

The Table Victor Gramophone is a combination of two former models. Well constructed and well toned. A new shipment just arrived and on display in the Music Department. Special value, each \$45.00
—Lower Main Floor

Silk or Wool Dressing Gowns for Men, \$7.95 to \$25.00

A Dressing Gown is always looked upon by a man as a gift of real luxury and will be most heartily welcomed by husband, father, brother or friend.

We have a complete stock to select from including gowns of silk, silk and wool, in attractive patterns, made with fancy collars and cuffs or roll collars. There are fawns, greys, browns and fancy checks; all sizes and priced at

\$7.95, \$10.00, \$15.00 to \$25.00



Smoking Jackets or House Coats, Full Assortment

Smoking Jackets in Canadian and English makes, with fancy cuffs and collars and in plain and fancy patterns; very dressy. Offered at, \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$15.00
—Men's Clothing Store, Main Floor

On the Gift Avenue on the Second Floor Big Values Thursday

Smoking Stands of fumed oak, with brass tray and match holder; five only. Each \$4.00

Six Only Smokers' Stands, walnut and oak. Each fitted with glass tray. Each \$3.00

Children's Sea Grass Chairs and Rockers, well made and comfortable. Each \$2.50

Candlesticks with walnut finish and neatly designed. Five pairs only. Special, a pair \$2.50

Standard Lamps with silk shades complete. Walnut and polychrome finish. Special value, each \$22.50

Card Tables of solid oak and mahogany, finished with heavy green baize top; 31-inch top. Special, each \$3.95

Cretonne Covered Bedroom Boxes, 3 feet long and 18 inches deep. With arms. Each \$11.75

Without arms, each \$9.75

Gift Avenue—Second Floor

Carpet Sweepers

"Champion" Carpet Sweeper, genuine Bissell \$4.95

Bissell's Grand Rapids Carpet Sweeper with rubber protection corners. Walnut or mahogany finish \$6.00

Foot Stools in all sizes and with coverings to match. Big values, each \$2.95

Deep Pile Axminster Rugs, 27x54 inches; shown in fine design. Practical gifts, each \$5.00

Silk, Wilton Rugs, 28x60 inches; shown in fine Persian design; a handsome gift for \$13.95

Mohair Table Covers, 24x2 yards; rich blue coloring. Special, each \$23.75

French Wilton Hearthrugs, 28x50 inches, in Oriental designs. Big value, each \$10.00

Hassocks, made of fine grade carpet and very neat, each \$2.95
—Second Floor

Men's "Albion" Shoes

For Christmas Gifts

Creme Sole Oxfords, Black or Brown Calf Brogue, Fine Black Kid Boots or Oxfords, Sturdy Leather Lined Boots and many other acceptable styles. All at one price

\$7.50

We have plenty of sizes and can make exchanges after Christmas if you are not sure of the size.

Quality Slippers

For a Man's Christmas Gift



Fine Kid Romeo Slippers with turn soles, in black or brown. A pair \$3.50
Leather Slippers with flexible welted soles, brown, black, maroon or patent. A pair \$2.95
Kosy Felt Slippers with turn-down collar and soft leather soles. Shown in brown, grey or wine. A pair \$1.75
Camel Hair Slippers with felt or leather soles. A pair at \$1.95
Soft Leather Slippers of fine quality, soft leather soles and rubber heels. A pair \$1.95
—Men's Shoes, Main Floor

Boys' Overcoats and Suits

Special Christmas Values

\$12.50

Boys' Heavy, Strong Tweed Overcoats in greys, browns, and heather shades. Well tailored and in new models; sizes 30 to 36. Big value at, \$12.50

Boys' Suits of strong wearing tweeds, made in dressy models and well tailored. Popular shades and patterns, two pair of plain knickers with each suit; sizes 26 to 36. Each \$12.50

Mackinaw Coats for Boys

\$4.95

Mackinaw Coats of heavy, all wool cloths, double-breasted Norfolk styles in neat patterns; sizes 26 to 36. Each at \$4.95
—Boys' Store, Lower Main Floor



A Suit of Pyjamas for Husband, Brother or Father

Our Great Selection Offers Wide Choice

Fine Printed Percal Pyjamas of heavy corded cloth, patterned in fancy stripes on a white ground. They have V-shaped neck, one pocket and trimmed with silk loops. Special value, a suit \$2.50

English Broadcloth Pyjamas, plain colors or grey, mauve and tan. Finished with V neck, silk loops and pocket. Special value, a suit \$2.75

English Broadcloth Pyjamas, high grade cloth, made with V neck, pocket and silk loops; plain colors and white. A suit \$3.50
Fancy Stripe English Broadcloth Pyjamas; shown in a large selection. Special, a suit \$4.75
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

Inexpensive Gifts for Men

All Neatly Boxed—Great Selection

Men's Solid Leather or Suede Belts, brown, black or grey, with initial or plain buckles. Put up in individual boxes. Each, 75¢ to \$1.25
Belt Chains, in nickel finish. Special, each 50¢
Pearl Dress Sets, put up in fancy boxes, \$2.75 and \$3.75
Van Huesen "Kant Krease" Soft Collars, suitable for gifts. We stock various shapes. Each 50¢
—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

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Wall Street TO-DAY

Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

New York, Dec. 23 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Little attention was paid to the high renewal rate, bullish sentiment being stimulated early by the sharp recovery in Tuesday's market, and operations for the rise went ahead in the main body of stocks. American Can was a prominent feature registering a new high record, the rally in this issue influenced other industrial shares, where a rising short interest appeared to be the main propelling power. Ralls and oils were also featured in the advance influenced by constructive developments. While in the advance the steel-trading group, a favorable interpretation, stimulated some bidding for the issue. Car loading figures were well over the 1,000,000 mark again, the American Petroleum Institute figures were another step in the correction of a not wholly satisfactory statistical position, and with crude oil prices advancing more probable than declines, continued high earnings for the petroleum companies are looked for in 1926.

In view of the sound outlook for business, increasing bullish sentiment may assert itself in a broad way marketwide, with the rail and oil shares prominently featured.

New York, Dec. 23 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—The Wall Street Journal's stock market edition this afternoon says: Wall Street celebrated the approach of Christmas with an outburst of bullish enthusiasm. Today it was a fitting climax to the most extraordinary year in the history of the Stock Exchange to have United States Steel, American Can, General Electric and other standard industrial stocks move ahead in such aggressive fashion, and the buoyancy displayed by these issues reflected an unmistakable faith in the optimism prevailing in high financial circles regarding the business outlook for next year.

With the first rank industrial furnishing impressive leadership, vigorous buying operations went ahead in every section of the market sending the shorts scrambling to cover in the motors and other groups lately subject to heavy selling pressure. To complete the picture, reports from business and stock centers spoke glowingly regarding conditions.

Steel news was notably encouraging, especially the statement in the weekly summary that the conservative age that the fourth week of December gives further evidence of the large scale of consumption that was so marked in the steel industry during November.

The holiday curtailment in mill operations this year will not be drastic. After the spirited recovery which took place yesterday, the cover in the motors and other groups of stiff borrowing notes, not the slightest flurry was caused when call money again renewed at 6 per cent.

Wall Street was looking to the bond market for its cue regarding the trend of credit conditions and the fact that investment stocks were around the best levels of the year was interpreted to mean that definitely easier money was in sight in the early stages of 1926.

American Steel Foundries continued its upward movement reaching new high ground on the current advance of 4 1/2, up three points from yesterday's low. This company more than 43 earned 33 annual common dividend in the first nine months of 1925, an unusual showing in the face of a poor year for the equipment maker. Weber and Heitbroner reflected the volume of its business in a spurt to new high ground on the current advance of 1 1/2, up 1 1/2 from yesterday's low. This company more than 43 earned 33 annual common dividend in the first nine months of 1925, an unusual showing in the face of a poor year for the equipment maker.

Motors shares received stimulus from the Iron Age's statement that the industry was calling for special shipments of steel. Other developments in the last hour were overshadowed by the institutional strength maintained by American Can. With the stock in record territory at 33 1/2, up 23 points from Tuesday's low, skepticism regarding the insider's ability to obtain their previously announced intention of putting the stock to 300 was largely removed.

Time money against stock exchange collateral is quiet in request chiefly for renewal and replacement. Money for all dates 4 1/2 per cent bid, 5 per cent offered. New money commands five per cent offered. Commercial paper market is dull. Dealers' portfolios are light and demand from banks is sufficient to keep offerings low. Rates are nominally quoted prime names 4 1/2 per cent, other good names 4 1/4 per cent.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 23 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—Wheat: The sensational bullish financial government estimate led to a rapid advance in prices which was well held to the close. Total production of winter and spring wheat is now placed at 669,000,000 bushels, or approximately 28,000,000 bushels short of the November estimate. To the extent this indicates that the U.S. is strictly on a domestic basis that we have already over exported ourselves. Official figures place the clearance of wheat and flour up to December 1 at nearly 58,000,000 bushels. A private estimate of 200,000,000 bushels for the Argentine also had effect. Foreign markets were not as buoyant as Chicago. Liverpool closed 2 1/2 to 4 1/4 cents higher, while Winnipeg lost ground on us. There is no gainsaying that the government report on wheat is not extremely bullish and led to the trend. However, we have had a good advance and it is not well to become too enthusiastic. Believe that trading attitude should be pursued with preference to buying on setbacks.

Corn: The government report on corn also was bullish and led to the best advance in this grain in many a day. Covering by shorts was vigorous in the early minutes. Trade

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, DECEMBER 23, 1925

(Supplied by two local stockbrokers over direct New York wires)

Market	High	Low	Last	Crucible Steel	80	80	80
Atch. Top & Santa Fe	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Atlantic Coast Line	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Baltimore & Ohio	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Chesapeake & Ohio	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Chicago & North Western	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Del. Lack. & West.	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Gen. Elec.	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
Ill. Central	120.00	119.00	119.00	Crucible Steel	80.00	80.00	80.00
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Steel news was notably encouraging, especially the statement in the weekly summary that the conservative age that the fourth week of December gives further evidence of the large scale of consumption that was so marked in the steel industry during November.

The holiday curtailment in mill operations this year will not be drastic. After the spirited recovery which took place yesterday, the cover in the motors and other groups of stiff borrowing notes, not the slightest flurry was caused when call money again renewed at 6 per cent.

Wall Street was looking to the bond market for its cue regarding the trend of credit conditions and the fact that investment stocks were around the best levels of the year was interpreted to mean that definitely easier money was in sight in the early stages of 1926.

American Steel Foundries continued its upward movement reaching new high ground on the current advance of 4 1/2, up three points from yesterday's low. This company more than 43 earned 33 annual common dividend in the first nine months of 1925, an unusual showing in the face of a poor year for the equipment maker.

Motors shares received stimulus from the Iron Age's statement that the industry was calling for special shipments of steel. Other developments in the last hour were overshadowed by the institutional strength maintained by American Can. With the stock in record territory at 33 1/2, up 23 points from Tuesday's low, skepticism regarding the insider's ability to obtain their previously announced intention of putting the stock to 300 was largely removed.

Retail Market

Revised December 22, 1925

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Vegetables		
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Celery, per doz.	80
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Head Lettuce, local	50
Great Potatoes, per lb.	6
Tomatoes, homegrown	10
Onion, Okanagan	per sack	2 1/2
Onion, Spanish	per crt.	2 1/2
Potatoes, dry belt, per sack	.....	2 90
Beets, per sack	.....	1 00
Carrots, per sack	.....	1 00
Turnips, per sack	.....	1 00
Parsnips, per sack	.....	1 00
Fruits		
Apples, Okanagan, per box	1 1/2	1 1/2
Apples, local, per box	1 1/2
Pears, table varieties	2 75

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The Faint Heart

By RUBY AYRES

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"Oh, you dreadful boy, what have you been doing?" and she drew her hand from his and backed a step or two away in exaggerated horror.

Jim flushed and laughed nervously.

"Oh, haven't you heard? I thought it was all over the village by this time. We had another burglary up at home last night, at least—"

He broke off, mindful of his promise to his father. "At least the Guv'nor thought he'd caught one, and came down ready for the fray, and fired off his revolver."

"At you! He shot you?"

"No—it was Shayle, you see."

"Shayle!" She spoke. Holway's name in a frightened whisper, and her eyes grew large with fear.

"Shayle!" she said again. Jim's eyes flashed jealously.

"You seem mighty concerned about him all at once," he said bitterly. "And you told me—"

She interrupted ruthlessly. "Go on, go on, what happened?"

"We'd been out—Holway and I—he spoke slowly and with reluctance. After all, he had been a fool to give his word to his father with regard to Shayle. He wished he could blurt out the truth to this woman, and tell her that Shayle was only a common thief, and that if she saw any fine hero of romance in him, as most women did, well—"

She broke in once more impatiently. "How slow you are! Do go on!"

Jim obeyed sulkily. "We were late, so we tried to get in by forcing the library window, and the Guv'nor heard us. You know what he is! Like a barrel of gunpowder. You've only got to touch him and he's ready to blow up. Well, down he came, and fired off his revolver."

Lena laughed. The fear had vanished. It amused her to picture the peppery old colonel firing at an imaginary burglar, and finding him none other than his son.

"So you weren't hurt?" she said. "No, but Holway—" she paused, watching her closely.

She put out her hand. "Yes, so on, and Shayle—"

Jim laughed harshly; at that moment he hated her for her evident anxiety for Holway, and his only desire was to hurt her.

"He's in hospital," he said. "The Guv'nor shot him in the lung."

LENA'S CONFESSION
For a moment Lena did not move, but the color drained slowly from her face, and her eyes grew pitiful.

Her lips moved, but at first no words could come, then she broke out hoarsely:

"Not dead!"

Jim did not answer, and she gave a little sobbing cry and away forward, catching at his arm with shaking fingers. "Not—dead!"

Jim took her roughly by the shoulder, so roughly that the grip of his fingers left marks on her soft flesh, and his voice was hoarse with passion as he demanded:

"What does it matter if he is dead? You told me he was nothing to you. You told me he had never made love to you."

With a great effort she began to recover herself.

"Don't be foolish, Jim." She tried to laugh. "You scared me. That was all. It's so horrible—hearing about people being shot, you scared me!" She tried to break free. "You're hurting my shoulder," she whimpered.

"Am I?" His eyes were cruel as he looked into her's. "I'm glad." With a swift movement he swung her slim body round so that she was in his arms, her head pressed back against his shoulder.

"I'm glad," he said again between set teeth. "I love you so much that it's happiness to know I hurt you. Kiss me, Lena, you haven't kissed me to-day yet."

He bent over her, but she raised her hand, covering her mouth, pushing him back from her.

"You're so rough, you frighten me. What's the matter with you? You're different somehow. I hardly seem to know you this morning."

"Kiss me, then, and make me well. I'm always wretched when I am not with you. I think of you all day long and all night long."

She smiled, and a sudden flash crossed her eyes.

"Then you've brought the money for me, Jim? See, I'll kiss you and thank you properly."

She slipped an arm about his neck, drawing him unresistingly down to

her, and lightly kissed him twice on the lips.

"There! Is that payment enough? Oh—you hear!" For suddenly he had caught her to his breast and was kissing her with uncontrolled passion, kissing her throat, her eyes, her soft hair—till with almost unbelievable strength she tore herself free, darting across the room and looking back at him with resentful eyes and heaving breast.

Jim stood very still, breathing hard, and presently Lena smoothed her ruffled hair and putted her frock into order, and smiled faintly.

"Well, after that I think I've earned anything you have brought me," she said, rather breathlessly. She held out her hand. "Come, pay your debt."

Jim stood motionless, his eyes on her face, then he said, abruptly, "I've not brought anything."

"Her face fell. "Nothing!" she whispered. "No! I tried—I swear to you, that I did my best, but this affair last night upset everything. Lena, don't look so angry. It's only a question of waiting a little longer. I can get money out of the Guv'nor now easily enough."

"You told me he had refused to give you any more."

Jim moved nearer to her. "He did, but since last night things have changed. If I ask him for money now he can't refuse."

Her lip curled. She had always despised Jim Wye-Smith, and had only tolerated him for what he could give her, and something of her true emotion must have revealed itself to him in her eyes, for the hot blood flamed suddenly in his face and his mouth took an ugly line. And Lena said, tauntingly:

"Why can't he refuse? Are you going to blackmail him for shooting your friend?"

"Holway is not my friend. He never was my friend! I always hated him, with his airs and graces. It's like his infernal cheek, thinking he can get any woman he chooses. As if any girl in her senses would look at him! Not a shilling in the world, and the blindest reputation."

"You would not dare say that to his face," Lena said.

She spoke very quietly, and with a sort of mocking pride the maddest thing she had said. "What I know about him? Do you think if he were here I wouldn't snap my fingers in his face and let him see how I despise him? He broke off, staring at her.

"Why, what are you laughing for?" he asked in bewilderment.

She was laughing immoderately, her head thrown back, her eyes mocking him.

"I'm laughing at you!" she said. She pointed a derisive finger at him. "You would care a snap of anything for you, while he is

about! Oh, you really are too funny! Too funny!"

There was a profound silence. Then Jim strode across the room to her, and she retreated from him—laughing still, till her back was to the wall, and she was forced to stand there while he came up to her, almost touching her, his whole attitude threatening.

Then he spoke, in hoarse, uncertain voice.

"You told me he was nothing to you—you told me he had never made love to you—you told me there was nothing between you."

She flung back her head, and her eyes met his defiantly.

"Oh, you!" she jeered at him. "What do I care what I told you! You had the kisses you wanted, but you're not man enough to pay for them. Well, now, you can go. I've no further use for you. Do you hear?"

But Jim did not move. His face was livid, and his eyes seemed on fire.

"And—Holway?" he asked. He saw her whole face quiver into a strange and beautiful tenderness, saw the soft color that crept into

her cheeks and the soft light that filled her eyes as she said clearly and proudly:

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